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Muslims protest Shah's stay

Sectarian strife rocks Egypt

CAIRO, March 31 (AP) — Egypt's top policeman confirmed Monday that violent clashes had erupted in two areas of Egypt between Muslim fundamentalists and police on one hand, and Muslim-Christian factions on the other. He appealed to religious leaders for calm.

People who saw one of the clashes said Muslims were protesting the former Shah of Iran's presence in the country.

In a two-hour statement to parliament, Minister of Interior Nabawi Ismail, said last week's incidents in the Upper Egyptian town of Assut and the Mediterranean city of Alexandria had left a total of fifteen injured, including four members of the police force, and several shops and car damaged. He said eight persons had been jailed.

Ismail, who tried to water down the reports issued by Muslims over the weekend, indicated the government is sensitive to such unrest, especially now, before the scheduled visit to Washington by President Jimmy Carter over the stalled Middle East peace talks.

He called on Christian religious leaders not to exaggerate reports of the sectarian clashes.

Ismail said the violence in Upper Egypt had started when members of the Muslim "Islamic groupings" had attempted to march out of their mosque meeting for a demonstration through the city of Assut, south of Cairo, despite police objections.

In his statement to the 390 member Parliament, Ismail did not say what the members wanted to demonstrate against. But eyewitness said the members were chanting anti-

Shah slogans.

A Muslim student group meeting in Cairo recently called on the Shah to go away. They argued he had killed and tortured fellow Muslim countrymen during his 38 years in power. The former Shah arrived last Monday accepting Sadat's offer of refuge here. He is convalescing in hospital after surgery to remove his cancerous spleen.

Ismail argued he had forbidden the demonstrators to go out into the city "for fear

Cabinet hears details on firearms rules

RIYADH, March 31 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif Monday briefed the Council of Ministers on legislation regarding the holding of firearms and ammunition.

The two-hour session was chaired by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdul.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdu Yaman said that Prince Naif briefed the Council in detail on the issue and added that measures shall be taken on this matter that would best serve public interest. He did not elaborate.

The Cabinet approved the statute of the Higher Council of Information.

Dr. Yaman said that the Cabinet also discussed legislation regarding retirement of civil servants and the military.

Arrives in Qatar

Arafat continues Gulf tour

DOHA, March 31 (R) — Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in Qatar Monday from the United Arab Emirates.

Before leaving Abu Dhabi, Arafat had talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nabaya and international developments concerning the Palestine issue, according to the official Emirates news agency WAM.

The UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al-Nuaimi told WAM the meeting also reviewed the PLO's international gains and India's diplomatic recognition of the organization last week.

Arafat, who flew to Abu Dhabi Sunday after a two-day official visit to New Delhi, is touring Gulf countries to brief rulers on his Indian mission.

During his visit, Arafat attacked the United States and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and said Arab oilfield did not require American protection.

"We do not want America to protect our oilfields, which the Palestinian revolution shall defend. We shall not permit anyone to occupy or attack this Arab region," he told a rally of 5,000 people.

He also said his visit to India, which on Thursday granted full diplomatic status to the PLO mission in New Delhi, had built "a new Indo-Arab friendship bridge."

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"It will not be long before the Egyptian

people will rejoin their Arab brothers and fight side by side against Israel," he added.

Arafat said Israel might strike at Syria before May 26, when Egypt and Israel are expected to end talks on Palestinian autonomy.

He reiterated that peace and stability in the Middle East could only come through the recognition of Palestinian rights.

In Vienna, a PLO spokesman Monday denied a report quoting Arafat as saying "peace means for us the destruction of Israel."

According to Ghazi Hussain, PLO representative in Austria, Arafat claimed that was published in Caracas is "pure invention and falsification."

He referred to published reports saying that Arafat told the Venezuelan newspaper *Mundon*, "we do not mind meeting death. Peace means for us the destruction of Israel. We are preparing for a total war, a war that is going to last several generations."

Arafat reportedly declared he did "absolutely not" say that in an interview.

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the demonstration may turn chaotic and be infiltrated by anti-regime actions who have an interest in creating unrest."

He said the violence broke out when members of the Islamic grouping tried to resist police orders and hurled stones at two officers who were injured. It was then, he said, police used tear gas to disperse the mob.

Meanwhile, Ahmed Farghali, an opposition member of Parliament representing Assut told a reporter that the government had flown in some 50,000 riot police troops to quell any possible recurrence. He maintained police had fired shots into the air, killing one person.

A statement by Muslim students in Cairo Sunday claimed one man was killed in Assut, six were injured and 54 arrested. But Ismail denied any deaths and said five students and six policemen, including the two officers, were injured. He said a total of 56 had been detained for interrogation. Eight were detained.

Ismail said the sectarian strife in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria erupted in a university hostel, when two Christian students and one Muslim were studying late at night. A neighboring Muslim student asked the group to lower the radio so he also could study and in a very short time groups of Muslim and Christian students engaged in a fist fight.

He said four students — three Christians and one Muslim — were hospitalized. The incident was blown out of proportion by rumors claiming the Christian student body was in danger, he said.

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By Staff Writer

Saudi, S.Yemen summit planned

By Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 31 — King Khalid has invited South Yemen President Abdul Fatah Ismail for summit talks in the Kingdom at a date to be determined. Crown Prince Fahd said Monday.

Prince Fahd made the announcement after Saudi Arabia and South Yemen called for necessary joint Arab action to establish the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. The prince had just concluded meetings with South Yemen's Foreign Minister Salem Saleh-Muhammad who is visiting the country for the first time.

Muhammad, who arrived here Saturday, held talks with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and conveyed a message from Ismail to King Khalid about bilateral relations and recent developments in the region. Prince Saud said his talks with Muhammad covered ways of keeping the region free of foreign influence and superpower rivalry.

In a press release at the end of the meetings, the two countries reaffirmed their commitment to the Baghdad and Tunis summit decisions and stressed the necessity to foster Arab solidarity to counter Zionist expansionism. They defined Palestinian rights as self-determination



SOUTH YEMEN MINISTER: Crown Prince Fahd meets South Yemen Foreign Minister Salem Saleh Muhammad in Riyadh Monday. Muhammad, who delivered a message from President Abdul Fatah Ismail to King Khalid, left for Aden later Monday.

countries. British colonialism in South Yemen lasted nearly 130 years.

South Yemen's late President Saleh Rubaya Ali visited Saudi Arabia in 1977 and heralded a period of closer relations. But he lost his life in a violent struggle for power during the next year in Aden, the capital.

Saudi Arabia's relations with South Yemen improved considerably after Ali's visit. The Kingdom extended an unspecified amount of financial assistance toward building a housing estate in Aden.

Relations suffered a setback after the war between South and North Yemen in 1979 when South Yemeni troops penetrated the southern region of North Yemen. They were later withdrawn after intensive mediation efforts by the Arab League Council which met in Kuwait. Iraq played a leading role in setting the dispute. Both Yemen presidents met in Kuwait and pledged to unify their countries as soon as possible.



(AP Wirephoto)
SNAKES BUT NO LADDERS: Firemen fight a blaze at a furniture factory in Melbourne, Australia recently.

Nazer pledges oil supply to Japan

asked for continued stable oil supplies to Japan.

In reply, the minister said he would make greater efforts for that, the sources added.

At a separate meeting with Foreign Minister Saburo Okita, Nazer asked Japan to cooperate in his country's third five-year development program, foreign minister sources said.

The sources said Nazer told Okita that the plan, likely to be announced around May, would place an emphasis on manpower development.

Okita expressed Japan's appreciation of Saudi Arabia's moderate oil pricing and

Syrian seeks purchase of Iranian arms

By Colin Smith

NICOSIA, March 31 (OFNS) — A Syrian businessman is trying to buy military equipment from the Iranians.

The man, said to be a friend of Rifat Asad, younger brother of Syrian President Hafez Asad, who commands an elite paramilitary guard known as the "defense companies", is trying to buy American-built helicopters and transport aircraft.

He is one of several merchants who have arrived in Iran looking for bargains after the revolutionary Government denounced the Shah's policy of being gendarmerie of the Gulf.

He would like to buy four-engined C130 Hercules military transports for the Syrian Air Force whose transport squadrons are presently equipped with Russian-built Ilushin 14s and Antonovs.

It is understood that he also wants to purchase several hundred helicopters that were being assembled in Iran by technicians of the Bell Helicopter Company. He hopes to resell them in the Gulf states and South America.

Syria is almost entirely Soviet equipped although they have almost completed a deal with the West Germany company of Magirus-Deutz for more than 40,000 army trucks and other military vehicles. In addition, they are negotiating with a Frankfurt firm for the purchase of 300 Leopard tanks.

The Syrians also said they bought a Soviet transport bus on the highway near Jalalabad.

"killing all its occupants," the

75 Afghan troops killed

ISLAMABAD, March 31 (AP) — Afghan freedom fighters said Monday they killed 75 Afghan government troops in clashes at Saf and Roidosh in the northern province of Samangan, which borders the Soviet Union, the Pakistan International News Agency reported.

Quoting information from Afghanistan, the agency said the Muslims had captured Saf and Roidosh.

It said the fighters also claimed to have captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition, including anti-aircraft guns.

The report said the Muslims attacked a Soviet post at Watapur near Jalalabad, in Nangarhar province near the Pakistani border, killing 15 Soviet troops, including five officers.

The Muslims also said they bombed a Soviet transport bus on the highway near Jalalabad, "killing all its occupants," the

agency quoted an Indian traveler who flew to New Delhi from Kabul on Friday as saying several buildings were damaged and telephone lines broken during the attack. No further details were given.

There has been no confirmation of the attack from Kabul.

PTI said the Indian, who did not want to be named, drove to an Afghan military-escorted convoy from Jalalabad to the Afghan capital, 30 km. (18 miles) to the west.

Jalalabad, halfway between Kabul and Peshawar in Pakistan, has been a frequent target of attacks by insurgents battling against the pro-Soviet Afghan government.

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Ministerial presentation called historic

Japanese award Nazer with medal

TOKYO, March 31 (SPA) — The Japanese officials awarded Sheikh Hisham Nazer the country's highest distinction by presenting the planning minister with the Good Treasure Medal First Class.

Observers in the Japanese capital said that it was the first time in history that such a medal is awarded to a minister.

Upon the instructions of Emperor Hiro

Hito, Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira decorated the Saudi official with the famous medal.

Ohira also discussed with Sheikh Hisham bilateral ties and affirmed his country is interested in developing them further. He praised Saudi Arabia's "wise policies regarding oil."

Sheikh Hisham then had a meeting with

Foreign Minister Okita with whom he reviewed the Middle East and bilateral issues. Later in the day, he conferred with Minister of Foreign Trade Sasaki.

The agreement on the major petrochemical project between the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and a consortium of Japanese companies will be signed Tuesday. Sheikh Hisham arrived here Sunday evening during a short visit to Japan.

Al Khobar Tennis Tournament

McGinnis and Bosch romp through finals

By Geoff Gardner

AL-KHOBAR, March 31 — Dave McGinnis and David Bosch overwhelmed top seeded Lal Shah and Abu Bakr 6-1, 6-0 to take the men's doubles first flight finals of the Al-Khobar 1980 Tennis Tournament at the University of Petroleum and Minerals Friday. Bakr and Shah, UPM and Aramco teaching pros respectively, were never in the match as the third seeds, McGinnis and Bosch, took charge early playing an aggressive serve and volley game.

Saudi Comment

By Sulaiman Al-Ossaimi

Al Riyadh

I believe readers must be weary of the many write-ups on the need for public parks, gardens and cafes, to provide relief for the capital's inhabitants. Summer is at the threshold, but the municipality, as usual, has done nothing of the sort.

Parks in Riyadh can be counted on fingers. Dammam on the Kingdom's eastern coast does not have a corniche, nor beaches and parks. Similarly Al-Kharj lacks swimming pools and promenades, and Ahsa remains without a plan to exploit its mountains. With the exception of its climate, Taif too is short of everything else.

Summer after summer passes and we are

still waiting for something. Although we heard a couple of years ago that the Municipality of Riyadh plans to buy some farms surrounding the capital with the aim of turning them into public parks. The project has not surfaced yet.

While Saudi businessmen and investors seem reluctant to embark on such projects, I'd suggest that foreign companies be asked to undertake these projects. They may be given suitable lands for this purpose with the provision the projects will be turned over the natives of the government at a later stage.

I am convinced that many companies will rush to compete for such projects as promenades, luna parks and public gardens until the present Riyadh airport ground is turned into a public park, as has been envisaged.

Z. Ahmed and M. Amin came back after a first set loss to top T. Asakumo and K. Toshiyuki 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 in the third flight finals. Top seeds R. Khan and A.M. Khan also won their flight, the fourth, after a first set loss, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 over Koo In Sup and Kim Man Shik. In the fifth flight a father and son team, C. Griffin and D. Griffin, took T. Ahmad and M. Ahmad in straight sets 6-0, 6-4. Flight six results were Yung Ho Su and in Sik Shin over W. Duursma and I. Johanson 7-5, 6-3.

Men's singles, the final event of the tournament, begins this weekend at the UPM course and concludes with first flight finals at 3:30 April 11. Top seed Paul Krieger returns to defend the championship he won last year by beating Abu Bakr 6-3, 7-5. Bakr is the second seed with Shah third and Bosch fourth.

Indians plan musical

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 31 — The Indian Embassy Social Club will organize a musical evening at the P.C.S. Auditorium Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

India's famous (ghazal) singer Ameer Muhammed Khan will entertain the audience with the lilting tunes of Indian orchestra. Entry tickets can be obtained from the club authorities at the embassy.

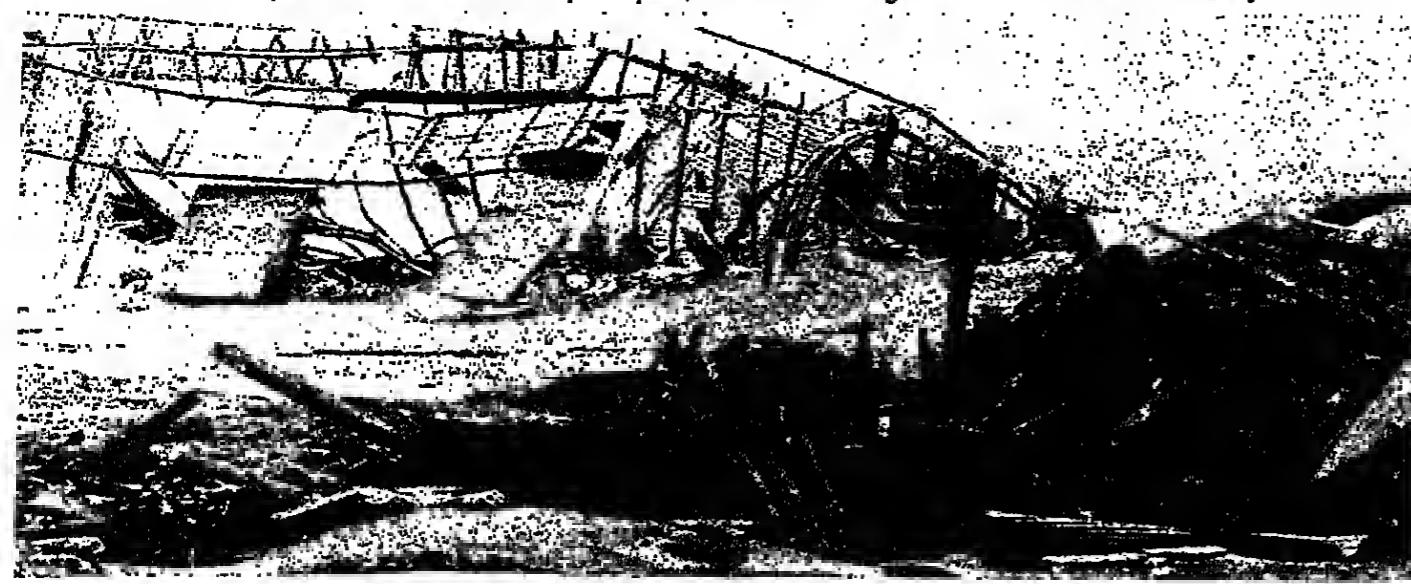


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RUINS: Twisted steel and collapsed buildings, as well as displacement of businesses and families, was the result of a fire in the port. One local fire prevention specialist said conditions in Jeddah are ripe for more fires.

Specialist warns against local fire hazards

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, March 31 — Fires like the one that occurred in the port area could happen again since there is a lack of fire prevention measures to ensure building safety, a fire protection specialist said Monday.

Karl H. Bohm, told *Arab News* that the initial figures for damage caused during the port blaze will probably total around SR50 million.

He also said potential fires and property damage could be kept to a minimum through public education, safety practices in businesses and by installing sprinkler systems in buildings.

"People are building a lot, but with the exception of government projects, they don't do anything for fire protection," he added.

According to Bohm, community programs and public education could ensure that people

know what to do in case of fire. Businesses could have pre-planned tasks so workers could respond to any emergency.

In addition, businesses could keep fire hoses in storage areas, which themselves would be located next to fire hydrants. Companies should also keep fire extinguishers available, he said.

"Most companies have no firefighting equipment available, or if available it usually is not properly maintained. I have not seen one gas station yet that has a fire extinguisher. Most people rely on the Civil Defense to help them out," he added.

But it usually takes time for firefighters to reach the scene, and actions taken within the first five minutes after a fire starts are critical in saving the building, Bohm said. However, he said that one major way a business can reduce the risk of fire, or total destruction if a fire occurs, is to have a sprinkler system installed.

Sprinkler systems are triggered automatically by either heat or smoke. And tests show a system will either drown the fire altogether or retard its advance until firefighters arrive.

"A steel-frame building cannot stand calculated static forces at 550-degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperatures the building collapses, making it dangerous for fire fighters. If sprinkler systems don't completely put a fire out, then it will keep the structure cool enough to let the firemen do their work safely," he said.

However, he added that the best protection is if people who are in charge of municipalities and ministries think about fire protection when a building is to be erected.

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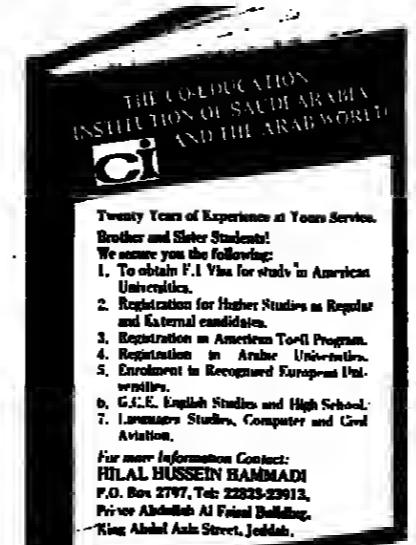
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The exhibition took six months to organize. Cecille Rushdi, executive member of Faisaliyah, and Daral Hanan Girls School headmistress, had met the two Rahims earlier in Jeddah and was instrumental in bringing the Pakistani exhibition to the city. According to Rushdi, the exhibition is "a great cultural exchange between the two countries."

The exhibition is now located at the Daral Hanan School and is open to the public on Monday and Tuesday, April 1-2, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. when all items will be at reduced price.

Information centers highlight talks

Riyadh, March 31 (SPA) — Governor of Tabuk Prince Abdul Mujeed met the information minister, Dr. Muhammad Abdou Yamani, Monday. They discussed establishment of information centers in Tabuk area, expanding the television broadcasting region

and establishment of the second television channel.

Dr. Yamani stressed during the meeting, his ministry is interested in extending its services to every part of the Kingdom.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, March 31 (SPA) — The general manager of administration of the Ministry of Education, Yousef Al-Jamaan, Monday issued a decision promoting 344 teachers from the fifth class to various education posts in the Kingdom.

HASA, March 31 (SPA) — A cross-country race organized by Education Directorate here begins Tuesday with more than 200 students from 38 intermediate and secondary schools competing in it. The race will begin Saturday.

RIYADH March 31 (SPA) — Examinations for fourth year students of scientific education for the Faculty of Religious Teaching of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud University will begin Saturday.

Pakistani pilgrimage announced

ISLAMABAD, March 31 (R) — About 45,000 Pakistanis will go to Mecca to perform the annual Muslim pilgrimage in October, it was announced Monday. This is 5,000 fewer last year.

Religious Affairs Minister Mahmood Haroon told a news conference that all Pakistani pilgrims would wear identical dress — the traditional shalwar (baggy trousers), kameez (long shirt) and light blue coat to establish their identity.

Pakistanis who had already performed the Haj would not be sent to Mecca again this year, he said.

Lighting seminar held

JEDDAH, March 31 — A seminar attended by officials of Jeddah municipality and officers of the traffic department was held at the Meridien hotel to illustrate the latest technology in street lighting and traffic signals.

The seminar was sponsored by Arabia Electric which is a joint venture of Juffali and Siemens of Germany. Lectures, films and slides showed what has been achieved so far in making streets brighter at night and traffic signals more efficient.

WEATHER

Unsettled weather will prevail in the northern and central regions where winds will be active, causing sand haze.

Cloud will thicken in the northern, central and parts of the western and south western regions. There would be scattered thunderstorms.

Temperatures and humidity will increase in the western region. Winds will be southerly and moderate.

Seas will be moderate. Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Riyadh	34	22
Dhahran	36	24
Medina	32	24
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PLO seen ready to cooperate with Jordan to foil autonomy

By Edward Cody

BEIRUT, March 31 (WP) — The Palestinian leadership appears increasingly willing to cooperate with King Hussein of Jordan in broader Middle East peace talks to supplant the stalled West Bank autonomy negotiations among Israel, Egypt and the United States.

Coordination between Hussein and the Palestine Liberation Organization would mark a major step forward in the eyes of analysts here, opening the way for compromise to get around Israel's refusal to deal with the PLO and the PLO's refusal to recognize Israel as a precondition for talks.

Discussion centers on what to do after the U.S.-sponsored autonomy talks because Palestinian and Jordanian officials consider them doomed to failure barring a dramatic shift in U.S. policy before the May 26 deadline for their completion. This, they say, is next to impossible with President Carter in the middle of an election campaign.

Saudi Arabia and Iraq, sharing this assessment, have been urging PLO leader Yasser Arafat to work more closely with Hussein, according to reports from Palestinian and Jordanian sources. Hussein has from the beginning of the autonomy negotiations predicted they would collapse and has tried to forge an Arab consensus on what to do next.

In this context, a well-informed Palestinian official said, a high-level PLO team authorized Hussein last week to tell American officials during his upcoming visit to Washington that the PLO would consider a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation in whatever peace talks follow the current autonomy negotiations.

Hussein is scheduled to see Carter in the White House at the end of April or beginning of May, soon after the president confers with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menahem Begin of Israel in an effort to breathe new life into the autonomy talks.

The PLO team that visited Amman was headed by Farouk Kaddoumi, or Abu Lutf, head of the PLO Political Department. He also insisted to Hussein that any agreement for a joint delegation would have to be accompanied by an individual invitation to the PLO, the Palestinian official said.

This would pose problems similar to those that surrounded efforts to organize a Geneva conference before Sadat's trip to Jerusalem in November 1977 and the subsequent Camp David accords. But prior agreement to a joint delegation with Jor-

dan marks a softening of the PLO position since then and demonstrates PLO willingness to coordinate with Hussein on whatever the current talks lead to.

Arafat still could run into opposition from less flexible wings of the PLO, knowledgeable Palestinians predicted. This could be manifested during a meeting of the Palestinian National Council, a sort of Palestinian parliament, scheduled to gather for the first time in six years later this spring.

"It's like President Carter," said a PLO official. "He can sign the SALT treaty but can he get it through Congress?"

The council meeting is expected to turn into a broad test for Arafat's increasing reliance on diplomacy to advance the PLO cause. Some of his own closest aides, along with leaders of hardline commando groups, contest the wisdom of his new emphasis on moderate tactics.

The Carter administration's disavowal of its United Nations Security Council vote against Israel marked a particular setback for Arafat's moderate PLO wing because, in Palestinian eyes, it demonstrated that Washington is unable to stand up to pressure from Israel and its supporters in the United States.

Disappointment over the Security Council performance has to some extent been balanced by gains in Europe. PLO moderates were particularly encouraged by the call for Palestinian self-determination and PLO participation in peace talks voiced by President Giscard d'Estaing of France during his recent visit to Jordan and the Gulf. Also recent entries in the plus column were the Austrian decision to grant quasi-diplomatic status to the PLO representative in Vienna and swift British and West German endorsement of the French positions.

At the same time, however, the PLO leadership is aware that the key to ending the Middle East standoff lies in the United States, the only country with genuine influence on Israel.

Arafat has to pay close attention to Syria which exercises strong influence over the commando movement through its peacekeeping troops in Lebanon.

Some Palestinian officials saw last week's announcement by Syria that its Golan border is open to commandos for raids on Israel as a maneuver directed against Arafat's latest sign of cooperation with Jordan. The Golan border has in principle been open to them all along, they said, while in practice remaining sealed off by Syrian troops with orders to prevent disruption of the 1974 troop withdrawal accord with Israel.

Bhuttos allowed to visit his grave

KARACHI, March 31 (R) — A Karachi court Monday gave the widow and daughter of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto permission to visit his grave between now and Friday, the first anniversary of his death.

Begum Nusrat Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto have been detained since October in their house near the grave in Larkana in central Sind province.

A bearing Sunday was told that members

Zia accepts minister's resignation

RAWALPINDI, March 31 (R) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq has accepted the resignation of a senior cabinet minister, Lt. Gen. Faiz Ali Chishti, it was announced after a cabinet meeting Sunday.

Chishti, who held the portfolio of petroleum, natural resources, labor and manpower, also retired from the army as a corps commander.

CHADLI arrives for Kuwait visit

KUWAIT, March 31 (R) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid arrived in Kuwait Monday on the last leg of his first Arab tour since assuming power a year ago.

The Algerian leader was met on arrival by Kuwait's ruler, Sheikh Jaber al Ahmad al Sabah, and other government leaders.

Benjedid had a second round of talks with the ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Ben Sulman

Iraq to foster foreign relations

BAGHDAD, March 31 (R) — President Saddam Hussein has urged his country's ambassadors abroad to concentrate on the development of Iraq's relations with other states, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

It said the president was addressing Iraqi envoys who began a conference in Baghdad Saturday.

Hussein Sunday made certain remarks on "developing the ambassadors' duties abroad

Commandos derail Israeli train

DAMASCUS, March 31 (R) — Palestinian commandos said Sunday night they had derailed an Israeli train and wounded all those on board.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa quoted a commando spokesman as saying a unit operating inside Israel dismantled part of a railway line leading from the Tsin valley, in

Four killed in Turkish violence

ANKARA, March 31 (AP) — Rightist and leftist groups battled with guns in the eastern border city of Agri Monday, following the assassination of a right-wing politician by unidentified terrorists, officials reported.

Four other persons including two policemen died in political violence elsewhere in the country.

of Bhutto's banned People's Party (PPP) were planning a pilgrimage to the grave on the anniversary of his death.

The Sind Provincial High Court Monday ruled the two women, escorted by police, could visit the grave for half an hour at a time which could cause the least public disturbance.

Pakistan's martial law government had opposed the visit on grounds that it would be a threat to public security.

Fierce fighting rages in N'Djamena streets

PARIS, March 31 (R) — The Chad civil war raged with undiminished intensity Monday as yet another armed faction was drawn into the battle for the capital N'Djamena, French officials said.

These sources said the new element in the conflict was a force commanded by Foreign Minister Ahmat Acyl, who has a base in Libya.

Acyl's troops were providing reinforcements for the People's Armed Forces commanded by President Goukouni Oueddei.

The picture emerging in Paris was that the armed forces of the north commanded by Defense Minister Hissene Habre were now confronting a loose coalition of all other factions in the conflict.

Goukouni and Habre had agreed to their fourth ceasefire in as many days, but

this had broken down almost immediately.

Goukouni's fighters were attacked by southern leader Abdelkader Wadal Kamougue, who has been trying to open up a second front in the eastern side of the capital.

French sources believed Col. Kamougue was trying to help Goukouni in the hope of winning political advantage.

The 10 days of fighting have left some 1,000 dead and wounded. Tens of thousands of civilians have fled N'Djamena, crossing the River Chari to seek sanctuary in northern Cameroon.

France has sent medical supplies to help the stranded refugees and provided one million francs (\$230,000) to enable the French embassy to buy rice locally to feed them.

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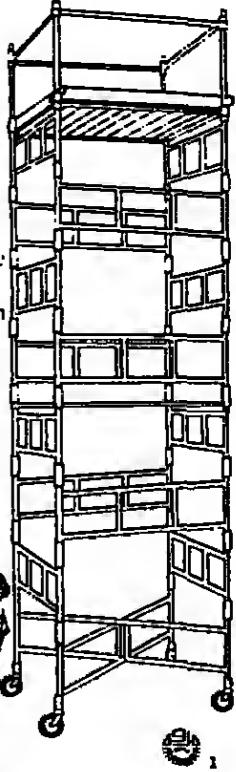
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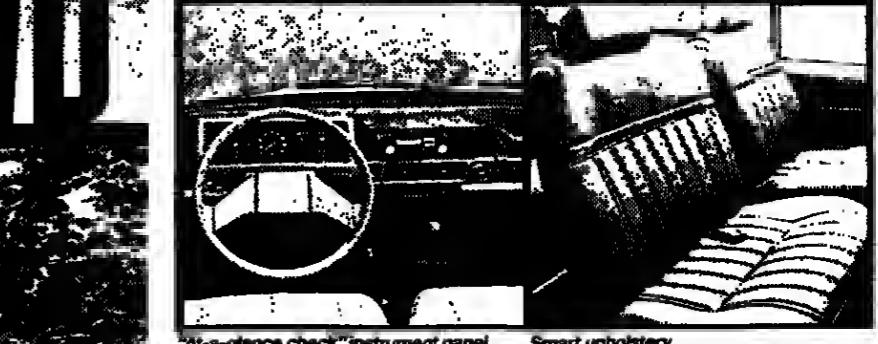
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30 die in violence at Romero funeral

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, March 31 (R) — About 30 people were killed, some of them trampled to death, when gunfire and bombs sent thousands of mourners fleeing for their lives at the funeral of murdered Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

The body of Romero, who was shot dead while celebrating mass last Monday, was about to be laid to rest in a crypt in San Salvador's cathedral Sunday when a series of explosions erupted in the cathedral square.

A stampede ensued as an estimated 300,000 people fought their way to safety along with church leaders from the Vatican, the United States, Europe and Latin America.

The ruling civilian-military junta blamed leftist militants for the shooting and said they had planned to steal the archbishop's casket.

Several cars were burned and some shops looted before security forces established order. Early Monday troops patrolled the city in force.

Ten months ago about 25 people were shot

Brigades threaten revenge

GENOA, March 31 (R) — The Red Brigades Sunday night repeated defiant threats to revenge the killing of four of their comrades in a raid which police say may have wiped out their Genoa group.

A leaflet marked with the brigades' five pointed star and found in this port city admitted that last Friday's police raid on a two-room hideout, believed to be their Genoa headquarters, was a major blow.

The brigades used the victims apparent

Noms de guerre Roberto, Cecilia, Pasquale

on the steps of the cathedral. Leftist militants and security forces accused each other of provoking the violence.

A government statement said security forces could not have started Sunday's shooting because they were confined to barracks. It said the troops were only called out after the violence erupted.

However, some troops were seen guarding the national palace and banks near the cathedral.

The gunfire and explosion broke out soon after a leftist-organized "march of mourning" arrived at the cathedral square. Some eye-witnesses reported seeing leftists exchanging gunfire with snipers.

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"Roberto" and "Antonio" were described in the leaflet as "members of the strategic direction of our organization."



Brezhnev: "A bit doddery"



Macmillan: Fatigued, lethargic



Roosevelt: Sick at Yalta



Churchill: Loved a feast

Too old, too ill, ravenous, sometimes overdrugged

LONDON, March 31 (AP) — Too old, too ill, too fond of food and drink, too vain to wear their spectacles, sometimes overdrugged.

That's the verdict of a top British doctor on some of the world's recent statesmen, and he says that there are some still in office who should not be there.

Political leaders should be made to quit at 65, just like anyone else, argues Dr. Hugh L'Estrang in a new book called *Fits to Fit*, published Monday by Heinemann.

The author edits a widely read medical monthly called *The Practitioner*; his latest diagnostic study hits at famous men, Churchill, Eden, Stalin, Macmillan, Roosevelt, who all clung to power when they were physically past it, he claims.

L'Estrang writes: "I'm 62 and I know that I'm slowing down, I admit it, but politicians often do not seem to want to."

"Mr. Brezhnev is looking a bit doddery. There is a question of whether he has had a heart pacemaker fitted."

"Mr. Sadat has had heart trouble. Mr. Begin has had heart trouble or a mild stroke."

The author acknowledges that Sir Winston Churchill became Britain's World War II prime minister when he was 65. However, the eminent surgeon, Lord Moran, summoned to be Churchill's medical adviser, recorded in a book about it all that he had a constant battle to keep the premier well enough to face the rigors of the task.

In 1953 Churchill was helped to a cabinet meeting by an official, who was confident that the ministers would realize that Churchill had suffered a second stroke the previous evening. They did not.

Perhaps they were just relieved that the old prime minister was quieter than usual, comments L'Estrang.

Churchill was then 79 and held on to the premiership for two more years.

Fond of drink, Churchill also loved a feast and ate salmon, steaks and chops for breakfast. By 1 p.m., when everybody else was anxious for lunch, Churchill would still be arguing in cabinet and eventually getting his way by exhausting everyone else.

Soviet dictator Josef Stalin seemed able to out-drink any visiting politician. While

his guests collapsed among broken glass on the Kremlin tables, a cheery Stalin would call for yet another toast.

What was in his glass?

Contemporaries said it was one part wine from his native Georgia with two parts special vodka poured from his own decanter. After Stalin died, an official revealed that he once poured himself a shot from the decanter when alone in the room and discovered it to be plain water.

Despite knowing the dangers of Soviet hospitality, some visitors succumbed. The author records that the late leader of the British Labor party, Hugh Gaitskell, had to be carried away from one Moscow party dinner by colleagues Denis Healey and David Ennals.

Sir Anthony Eden, who succeeded Churchill, admitted living on benzedrine during the Suez Canal crisis of 1956.

It is a drug well-known to impair judgement and to precipitate mental breakdown, says L'Estrang.

The Suez affair broke the 59-year-old Eden, who resigned early in 1957 in desperate ill-health, handing over to Harold Macmillan. Eden died in 1977.

In 1963, Macmillan at the age of 69 carried on through a series of government crises, complaining of fatigue and lethargy and saying it must be "approaching disease."

In fact, he already was seriously ill with prostate gland trouble. But it was only when he was unable to pass urine that he was hustled out of 10 Downing Street and off to a hospital. He quit later that year and had his 86th birthday last month.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sick at the Yalta conference in 1945 that he hardly realized what was going on. L'Estrang says Roosevelt died soon after at age 63.

The conference led to Europe being divided up according to the blueprint of Stalin, who dominated Roosevelt that the American president obstructed the efforts of Churchill to get better terms.

President John F. Kennedy was only 43 when he entered the White House in 1960. He was too vain to wear his glasses in public and suffered the serious glandular deficiency, Addison's disease.

Day of mourning declared

Snapped leg of Kieland towed to Norway for study

OSLO, March 31 (R) — The huge, air-filled steel leg of the *Alexander Kieland* "hotel" rig was to be towed into Stavanger harbor Monday, grotesque evidence of the world's worst offshore oil disaster.

It will immediately be sealed off from the public for examination by the Norwegian government's four-man inquiry team in an attempt to find out why it snapped off the 10,000-ton rig last Thursday in a heavy gale, causing the rig to capsize.

Norway's Prime Minister Odvar Nordli declared a day of national mourning for Monday in memory of the 123 dead. Only 42 bodies have been found but officials have said

there can be no hope of more survivors and the massive air-sea search has been abandoned.

After the government team, technical experts from Phillips Petroleum Company, which leased the rig to accommodate oilmen in the Ekofisk area of the North Sea, will go over the severed leg minutely.

Of the bodies recovered only 10 have so far been identified and they were all Norwegians. Nordli said flags would fly at half-

mast on all official buildings Monday. Police late Sunday night released an official list of those believed dead. It included 94 Norwegians, 24 Britons, two Finns, one West German, one Swede and one Icelander.

Among the 89 survivors there were 74 Norwegians, 11 Britons, two Spaniards, one Finn and one Portuguese.

At a press conference Sunday Nordli paid tribute to the work of Norwegian, British, Danish, West German and Dutch rescuers

during the search and said everything that was humanly possible has been done to save lives.

"Everything that was humanly possible was done to save as many as possible," said the prime minister.

He added: "It has made a deep impression to witness the efforts in the form of resourcefulness, good seamanship and endurance shown by the survivors from *Alexander Kieland* and by the crews on the platforms, ships, aircraft and helicopters."

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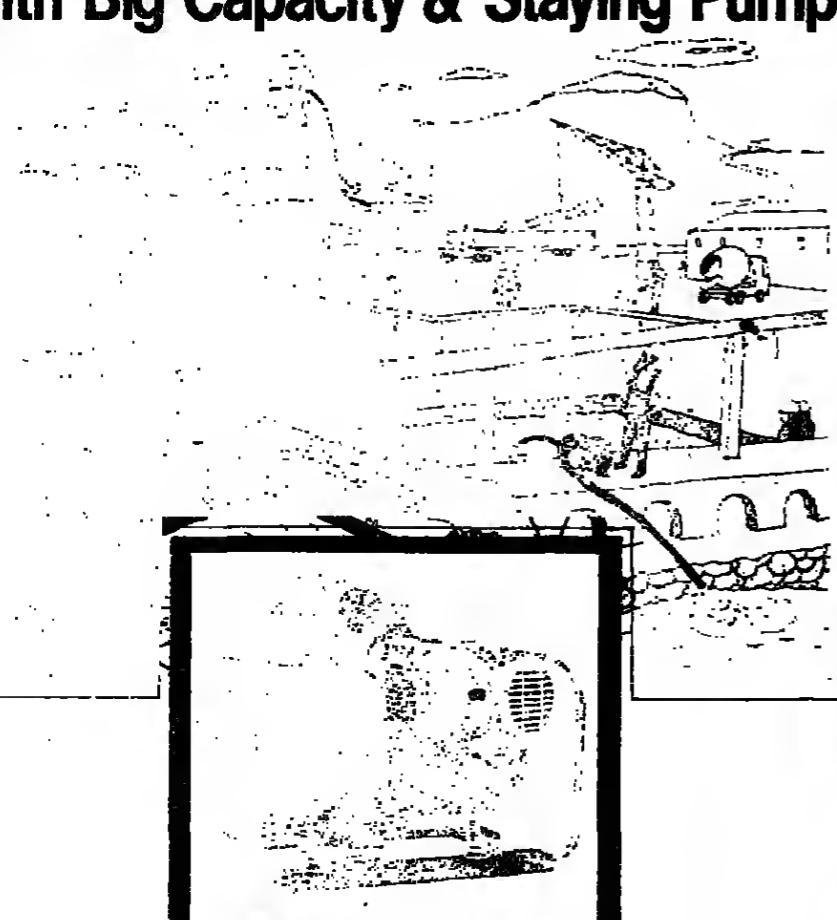
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Regazzoni injured

Piquet wins Grand Prix

LONG BEACH, California, March 31 (AP) — Brazilian Nelson Piquet streaked to his first Formula One victory Sunday in the fifth annual Long Beach Grand Prix, a race marred by a serious accident involving Swiss driver Clay Regazzoni.

The 40-year-old Regazzoni was injured when his car apparently lost its brakes as he approached a hairpin turn from the fastest part of the twisting 2.02-mile circuit through the streets of Long Beach. The car flashed down an escape road and flipped over stacks of tires and a retaining wall, trapping the driver inside for more than 20 minutes.

Piquet led from wire-to-wire and never really had a challenge as his white-and-black Brabham-BT 49 ran perfectly through the entire 162-plus miles. His victory margin over second-place Riccardo Patrese was 49.28 seconds, nearly a full lap.

Piquet won the pole position for the race on Saturday with a record qualifying speed of 93.596 mph. He averaged 88.44 mph in winning the race. His best previous finish in two years on the Formula One circuit was a second place earlier this season in Argentina.

Attrition and accidents on the tight, demanding circuit took out more than half of the 24 starters, including most of the pre-race favorites. The only other injury reported in the race was a apparently minor foot injury suffered by Italian Elio De Angelis, who was involved in a five-car accident at the other hairpin turn on the third lap of the 80.5-lap race.

Rene Arnoux of France, who won the last two races in his turbocharged Renault, had

mechanical and tire problems and wound up eighth after starting on the front row next to Piquet.

Defending Long Beach champion Gilles Villeneuve of Canada charged from 10th on the starting grid to third early in the race, but was forced out with a broken drive shaft. Another pre-race favorite, Alan Jones of Australia, was in second place much of the race, but retired his Williams racer after tangling with a car driven by Bruno Giacomelli of Italy.

Former world champion Emerson Fittipaldi of Brazil, who started last, finished third, followed by John Watson of Ireland, defending world champion Jody Scheckter of South Africa, Jochen Mass of Germany and Derek Daly of Ireland.

Americans Mario Andretti, another former world champion, and bookie Eddie Cheever both went out early with mechanical problems.

Regazzoni was "resting comfortably" early Monday following five hours of spinal surgery after his accident at the Long Beach race.

Jim Hildebrand, spokesman for St. Mary's Medical Center, said Regazzoni's condition was "stable" and he was "resting comfortably" after the surgery to realign and stabilize the 40-year-old Regazzoni's spine to take pressure off nerves.

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Bullets make NBA playoffs

NEW YORK, March 31 (AP) — The Washington Bullets made the playoffs for the 12th consecutive season, with help from guard Kevin Grevey's 23 points in a 93-87 victory over the New Jersey Nets Sunday, the final day of the National Basketball Association's regular season.

Beating the Nets gave the Bullets a 39-43 record, the same as the New York Knicks, but Washington got the final Eastern Conference playoff berth by virtue of a better record against conference foes.

Playoffs begin Wednesday night with the opening games of four best-of-three first-round mini-series. Washington is at Philadelphia and San Antonio at Houston in the Eastern Conference and Portland and Seattle at Kansas City at Phoenix in the West.

Houston clinched the home-court advantage by beating Indiana 121-106. San Antonio also won, over Detroit, to tie the Rockets, but Houston got the edge because of a better conference record.

Seattle's 135-104 victory over Portland Sunday night determined the West pairings. That gave the Sonics the third-best record in the conference, and so they'll play the Blazers in the first round of the playoffs. Even though Phoenix beat San Diego 122-104 Sunday it finished fourth in the conference, one game back of Seattle.

Billy Paulus scored 28 points for Houston, which led by just 55-54 at halftime but pulled away after intermission to take the home-court advantage against San Antonio 121-106 their cross-state rival. Both teams finished with 41-41 records and they were 3-3 head-to-head, but Houston had the better intra-conference record.

Gus Williams scored 23 points and all 10 Seattle players hit double figures as the

defending champion Sonics beat Portland 135-104, in their playoff preview. The 31-point margin was Seattle's largest of the season and the win was the Sonics' fifth in six game against their Pacific northwest rival.

Larry Kenon poured in a career-high 51 points and George Gervin wrapped up his third straight scoring title as San Antonio finished its season at the .500 mark with a 144-124 win over the Pistons. Detroit's road record dropped to 3-38 and its overall mark to 16-66, both NBA lows. But the Pistons don't even benefit from that because they sent their top draft choice to Boston as part of the M.L. Carr free agent move.

Jim Chones took a pass from Earvin Johnson and stuffed in the shot with two seconds remaining to give Los Angeles a one-point lead over the Warriors. He was also fouled on the play and sank the free throw for the final 95-93 margin as the Lakers won their fifth in a row. Golden State finished at 24-58, tied with Utah for the worst mark in the Western Conference. A blind draw was to be held at NBA headquarters to determine which team will go up against Boston in Tuesday's coin flip for the first pick overall in the draft.

Seldom-used rookie Jim Spanarkel had 19 points, 10 assists and five rebounds, all pro highs, to lead Philadelphia to a 116-110 victory. The 76ers were without starters Julius Erving and Maurice Cheeks and Boston did not play Dave Cowens and Cedric Maxwell, although all are expected to be ready for the playoffs.

Junior Bridgeman scored 20 points and rookie Pat Cummings added 17, all but one in the second half, as the Bucks beat Utah 107-91 to raise their record to 20-6 since they obtained center Bob Lanier in Midseason.

Trailing by two strokes with five holes left, Lopez-Melton carded successive birdies at 15 and 16 while Washam stumbled with two straight bogies.

Lopez-Melton, the tour's top money-winner the past two years, finished with a 72-hole total of even par 284 on rounds of 72, 66, 77, and 69.

Pate regains sole lead in Heritage

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, March 31 (AP) — Jerry Pate matched par 36 on the front side and regained sole control of the top spot Sunday halfway through the third round of the rain-delayed Heritage Golf Classic that now is scheduled to end on Monday.

A second rain-interruption of the tournament occurred early Sunday with the morning half of a projected double round wind-up.

Pate, who has led or shared the lead all the way, made the turn with a 171 total, seven shots under par on the water-soaked course.

John Mahaffey, who beat Pate in a playoff for the 1978 PGA national championship, moved into second alone with a one-under-par 35 on the front side. Johnny Miller, a two-time winner of this event and a winner three weeks ago, holed into contention on a string of three consecutive birdies. He

reached the turn in 33 and was tied at 173 with George Burns, Mike Morley and Doug Tewell.

In Costa Mesa, California, Nancy Lopez-Melton, given new life when leader Joann Washam bogied three of the last four holes, shot a 2-under-par 69 Sunday to win the \$150,000 ladies Professional Golf Association tournament at Mesa Verde Country Club for her first victory in six months.

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Again

Austin defeats Navratilova

CARLSBAD, California, March 31 (AP)

— Tracy Austin collected her second \$100,000 check in eight days by defeating Czechoslovakian-born Martina Navratilova, 7-5, 6-2 in the championship match of the \$200,000 Clairo Crown Classic Tennis Event Sunday.

Austin, a 17-year-old high school junior, required 89 minutes, most of them in the first set, to repeat her straight-set victory over Navratilova in the Winter Circuit Championships one week earlier in New York.

The initial set turned on an Austin service break in the eleventh game. Prior to that, both players had broken serve once. With the score 5-5, Navratilova was wide twice with

ground strokes and hit long on a seemingly easy overhead to hand Austin three break points.

On the second of those, Navratilova netted a forehand to give Austin the break and opportunity to serve for the set. Austin seized it, allowing the 23-year-old Czech expatriate only one point in the final game.

It was the first outdoor event of 1980 for the female tennis professionals and Navratilova had the more difficulty with conditions. In the second set, she could not control her powerful serve and therefore was incapable of applying much pressure to the steady Austin.

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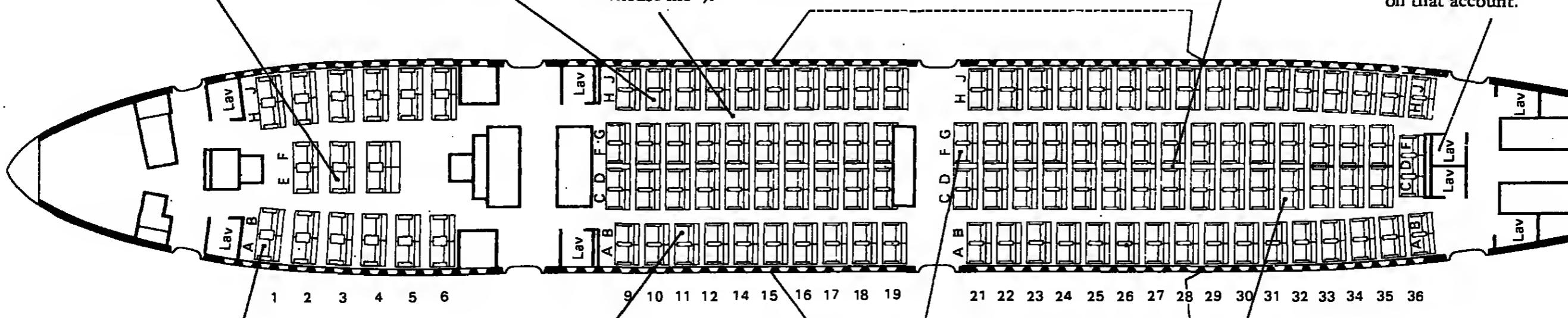
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FACING U.S. VETO

Behind-the-scenes negotiations in the United Nations, in preparation for the Security Council meeting Monday during which the Palestine question comes up for debate, revolve around one theme: How to deal with the impasse which the certain American veto will create, once the Arab side and its friends place before the Council their resolution which unambiguously recognizes the political rights of the Palestinians as a people?

Among the suggestions the Arab side received were some that thought a further postponement would be politic at the moment, if the Arabs were not to lose the good will of the European powers, who are said to be on the verge of launching their own initiative on the issue. The Europeans seek a period of waiting, until at least after the Washington meetings between Carter, Begin and Sadat.

The Arab side, however, is in favor of taking a strong stand in the Security Council meeting. The international climate is favorable, and the Arabs see no sense in wasting more time without anything tangible being offered in return. But to face the Council with a clear-cut choice at this stage is to spark an American veto. And here, a way out is being studied, which might force the issue whatever the Americans might do.

It is little recognized that a veto from a permanent member of the Security Council is not necessarily the last word on the given issue.

A principle established in the United Nations during the Korean crisis — moved, ironically, by the United States to circumvent a Soviet veto — empowers nine members of the Security Council to refer a matter blocked by a veto in the Council to the General Assembly, which can then, by a majority, pass a recommendation which the United Nations can enforce — by force of arms if necessary.

The only proviso is that the nine members of the Council resorting to such a move — called "uniting for peace" — must regard the issue at stake as one constituting a real threat to world peace. The Arabs can both muster the necessary nine votes and convince the rest of the U.N. membership — or its vast majority — that the issue is a threat to international peace. In fact, to make the move itself successfully would be not an inconsiderable gain, implying a world recognition that the question of Palestine can no longer be treated as anything but what it really is: One of the few issues which could plunge the world in an economic or military catastrophe, or both.

U.S.-Soviet military balance: about equal

By Adam Yarmolinsky

WASHINGTON —

The periodic charge that the military balance has shifted or is about to shift across the board in favor of the Soviet Union is worrisome enough in the light of the Soviet Union's ugly military adventure in Afghanistan. It is even more worrisome when coupled with the charge that the overall balance cannot be restored until late in the new decade.

Neither charge, however, stands up under examination.

While the facts do not suggest any grounds for complacency, they do tell us that if Americans pursue a sensible spending policy, emphasizing combat readiness, mobility and flexibility, there will be no "window" in the 1980s through which the Russians can with impunity reach for the "cookie jar." The Russians must measure any local advantage that they think they can gain against the overall United States-Soviet Union military balance.

In the air, on the sea, and on the ground, United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces outpace the Warsaw Pact's in quality where they do not actually outnumber them. Overall, considering that there is a rough equivalence of the forces, factors such as training, tactics and readiness become decisive.

The Russians' numerical edge in combat aircraft is balanced by the U.S. qualitative superiority. They cannot match the F-15 in air combat, nor do they have any plane comparable to the A-10, an

armored close-support aircraft that can knock out tanks. The U.S.'s new F-16 fighter, which is very capable in both air-to-air combat and ground support, is now coming off the production line. In combat tactics and training, the U.S. has a significant margin.

America's naval forces remain superior to the Russians'. Over the last 15 years, the U.S. has launched more than twice the tonnage and more than 20 per cent the number of surface ships they have launched. Only if one compares numbers of ships without regard to size or firepower do they loom as a serious threat. They outnumber the U.S. in particular types — for example, attack submarines — since they, as primarily a land power, see the destruction of American shipping as a primary mission. The Soviet Union is indeed building a blue-water navy, but that navy is still the stepchild of its military establishment whereas America's commands one-third of the entire defense budget and substantially more than either the army or air force.

On the ground, NATO has almost as many men under arms as the opposing forces of the Soviet bloc. The Russians have more tanks than the U.S. does, but this is at least partly offset by NATO's planes and antitank weapons. Further, the U.S. Army started last year the biggest modernization program in its history, and NATO has begun an ambitious modernization program of its own.

Given its general qualitative superiority, if it chooses to increase quantities of particular

weapons, the U.S. does not need to await the development of new systems, with resulting delays into the late 1980s, but often can reopen, continue or accelerate existing production lines.

Nor should the Soviet military performance in the invasion of Afghanistan give America pause about its relative military capabilities. If the Russians could not move 100,000 men across their own borders — most of them on existing highways — after months of preparation, they ought to turn in their uniforms.

The central issue remains one of combat readiness. Historians generally agree that at the outset of World War I, the Germans did not have more tanks or men than the Allies, but those they had were fully combat-ready. The Pentagon's emphasis on elaborate weapons systems has tended to keep training and readiness activities on short rations. Unrealistic comparisons of weapons strengths divert military spending from less glamorous but more essential purposes.

There are a number of unsettled issues in comparing U.S. and Soviet military strength, from the question of theoretical vulnerability of America's Minuteman land-based missiles to the utility of the nuclear weapons in the European theater to the combat-ready capability of the U.S. existing forces.

But poor-mouthing U.S. military strength only tends to promote unnecessary inflation of the U.S. defense budget — and dangerous inflation of Soviet estimates of their own capacity for mischief. (NYT)

'Peace Now' steps up anti-Begin campaign

By Eric Silver

TEL AVIV —

An internal Zionist pressure group opposed to Israeli Premier Menahem Begin's policy of hanging on to occupied Arab territory is intensifying its campaign.

The movement Peace Now was set up two years ago. At a recent Tel Aviv rally it attracted about 80,000 supporters.

Peace Now's role is to challenge Begin's claim to speak for a national consensus in favor of a "greater land of Israel". The campaign began with a letter signed by 100 men who fought in the 1973 war. They included a young tank commander.

Within a few months the letter had been endorsed by 240,000 Israelis. Peace Now has groups of activists in most of the main towns and many Kibbutzim, but no formal list of members. The leadership can only point to the numbers who turn out for demonstrations.

There are no officials, but rather a "leadership group", drawn mostly from the universities. Much of its organizational strength derives from Mapam, the left-wing, predominantly Kibbutz partner in the Labor alignment. It has no newspaper of its own, but finds consistent support from three daily papers.

To the government's dismay, Peace Now has recently taken the fight into Jewish communities abroad.

According to one of its spokesmen, Omer Padan, Peace Now wants negotiations to be based on security considerations alone. He said: "Security includes peace itself, not only territory; the intentions of the other side; the strength of our army and the weapons we get from the United States."

"We want the government to exclude any option that harms the security of the Israel-Jordan option, the Palestinian option, and even a combined Jordanian-Palestinian option."

"Israel should negotiate with any Palestinian who sees negotiation as the only way to solve the problem, and who are prepared to stop terrorism and recognize Israel's right as a Jewish sovereign state to live within secure borders."

"The Palestinian problem is not only one of refugees, as suggested by Security Council Resolution 242. Israel should recognize the Palestinians' right to a national entity, so long as it does not contradict Israel's security needs. But Peace Now does not want to specify a Palestinian state. There are many other possibilities."

"Meanwhile, Israel should freeze the status quo in the West Bank and Gaza. It should stop all settlement activity. Above all, it should not claim sovereignty over the territories." — (OPNS)

Japanese fishermen trade in secrets

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO — Japanese fishermen in waters close to Soviet-held territory have been setting their nets for secrets — both Japanese and Russian.

"We cannot say which side all of them are on," acknowledged a Japanese National Police Agency official here, amid revelations of what most people in the port of Nemuro, on the northeastern coast of Hokkaido, Japan's northern island, had come to regard as common knowledge — the swapping of information and "gifts" for "licences" to fish in Soviet waters.

The story emerged when a Japanese provincial official committed suicide during an investigation into an allegation that he had passed on information about Japanese rights for the fishermen to give to the Russians.

Police arrested the nine-man crew of a fishing boat but held only three — and they have been released while awaiting trial on charges merely of violating customs regulations.

They are said to have peddled typewriters to Russian officials stranded on one of four small former Japanese islands overrun by Soviet troops at the end of World War II but claimed ever since by Japan. The islands, two within sight of Nemuro harbor, are a constant cause of dispute between

Japan and Soviet leaders.

Japanese are usually intensely patriotic, but the skippers and crews of some 30 vessels operating out of Nemuro have come to adopt a much more pragmatic view in the daily struggle for survival.

According to reports here, the fishermen have for years been plying the Russians with gifts ranging from bottles of liquor to all-night orgies.

The authorities in Nemuro were willing to wink at such goings-on until word spread that some of the fishermen were also selling information on topics ranging from Japanese policies to the movement of troops on Hokkaido, where Japan keeps the best of its infantry, armor and air force for defense against the Russians.

Japanese sources say some of the fishermen were really operating as double agents, passing along information already generally known, while returning with news about the movement of Russian vessels.

Fishermen are credited, for instance, with having provided the first reports that Soviet transport ships were calling regularly at Anama Bay on Shikotan Island and that Russian engineers were building huge tent-shaped barracks for troops.

Similarly, sources here believe fishermen have reported regularly on air traffic at a new landing strip on Kunashiri Island, across a two-mile-wide

strait from Nemuro. The fishermen's descriptions of the types of planes are believed to have given Japanese police and military their first insight into the dimensions of the strip, lengthened to handle large cargo planes as well as jet fighters.

"It is an open secret in Nemuro that the Japanese authorities are utilizing the fishermen aboard the spy ships who are agents for the Soviet Coast Guard," reported *Mainichi Shimbun*, one of Japan's major national dailies. "The spy ships are able to enter Anama Bay freely and supply detailed information."

The fact that some of the fishermen were double agents may help to explain why police and prosecutors have not moved in swiftly — and why the three arrested fishermen were charged only with customs offenses. Japan does not have a law against espionage, but authorities could have accused them of leaking state secrets, the charge against a retired general and two junior army officers accused of having passed on information to Soviet military attachés in Tokyo.

Nonetheless, police are convinced that not all the fishermen were serving Japan's national interests. "Many were spying for Russia for economic reasons. The creed of loyalty is not defined so easily when economic interests are at stake," said one investigator. — (OPNS)

saudi press review



In its Monday issue, *Al Jazirah* led with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's denial of any intention to form a Palestinian government in exile. It also highlighted the Indo-Palestinian joint statement that called for inclusion of the PLO in any settlement of the Middle East crisis. *Okaz* led with a European report on the convening of a tripartite summit meeting — France, Morocco and the Vatican — Wednesday to consider the issue of Jerusalem. *Al Yom* also covered as its lead story the Indo-Palestinian statement, saying it urged Israel's complete withdrawal and the restoration of Jerusalem and the Palestinian rights on the basis of a just peace. *Al Medina* played as its lead story an abortive attempt on Egyptian President Sadat Sunday, while *Al Riyad* led with a report of 17,000 detainees in Egypt and bans on the assembly of more than three persons in the country. In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* quoted an Egyptian source as say-

ing that an Israeli delegation of ministers paid a "cordial" visit to the former Shah of Iran at the Maadi Hospital in Cairo. *Al Riyad* highlighted the Indo-Palestinian joint statement which reiterated the Palestinian people's right to establish an independent state. *Al Medina* gave prominence to King Khalid's meeting with the visiting South Yemeni Foreign Minister, while *Okaz* treated as its front-page story the departure of Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil to Washington to lead the Saudi delegation to the Saudi-U.S. Joint Commission's talks on economic cooperation. The newspapers generally expressed the hope that the U.N. Security Council will take a resolute stance quite uninfluenced by the superpowers' intervention in regard to a just solution to the Palestine problem. They called upon the Council to concern itself with the issue of Jerusalem and to liberate it from their Israeli occu-

pation. In an editorial, *Al Jazirah* said it was optimistic in view of clear world public opinion on international matters, mainly the issue of Palestine. The paper highlighted international support for the Palestine case and said that the draft resolution before the Security Council will oblige it to exercise its powers on the principles of right and justice. In case the Council fails to do so, it will prove its fake existence under the influence of superpowers, said the paper.

Al Bilad highlighted the Homeland Day being celebrated in Palestine, and said it was an event of historic significance showing the struggle of the people of Palestine for restoration of their land and legitimate rights. The paper hailed the strong links binding the Palestinians together in confronting the Zionist aggression. This coherence among the Palestinians has foiled all Zionist plots against the unity and solidarity of the Palestinians. It said the celebra-

Jasif in life

A handbook of the Hejaz as it was

By F. W. Rawding

JEDDAH — This fascinating handbook of the Hejaz is yet another reprint produced by Oleander of important and until now difficult to obtain sources of Arabian history.

The work has the additional piquancy of having been collated from a number of travellers' accounts by David Hogarth, himself a person of considerable interest and authority. Readers who have followed the plots and counterplots of the Anglo-Ottoman power struggle in the region at the time will recognize Hogarth as the Director of the Arab Bureau in Cairo. It was he who selected T. E. Lawrence and sponsored his flamboyant Arabian enterprises.

The Handbook is introduced by R. L. Bidwell, author of 'Travellers in Arabia,' and a member of the Oriental Faculty of Cambridge.

The work is an attempt by Hogarth to compile in one short volume all that was known through a variety of sources of a theater of war which was to be of crucial importance. Hogarth, like Wooley, Pirie-Gordon and Lawrence, was first an archeologist, which provided an excellent cover for intelligence activities. All of them turned up in due course in the Arab Bureau. Hogarth was fascinated by the Arabian peninsula though apart from a short visit to Jeddah in 1917, he never travelled there. Nevertheless he became an authority on all the European accounts of Arabia and produced, in 1904,

Hejaz before World War I
By David George Hogarth
Oleander Press, £8

'The Penetration of Arabia', an important classic of exploration.

Those who are acquainted with the rich variety of stories of Arabian adventure will recognize the voices of Burckhardt, Burton, Lawrence and others echoing through the apt and perceptive characterizations of men and the descriptions of landscape; for instance, the typically Burckhardtian minutiae of 139 varieties of dates to be obtained in Medina.

A surprisingly complete map of the Hejaz forms the frontispiece. It shows routes, centers of population and tribal areas, though some of the fine detail requires a magnifying glass to read.

Hogarth defines the area of the Handbook and deals in summary with physical features, climate and population. He proposes three principal categories of life style, Oasis, Urban and Bedouin and introduces the chief tribes. Northern, Central and Southern districts are systematically described. Jeddah, we learn, "a walled town on a well-sheltered natural harbour ... steamers cannot approach within several hundred yards and cargo must be discharged into dhows and lighters. The population is almost 30,000 ... non-Muslims are not allowed to go outside the walls." The description of Mecca is very reminiscent of Burton,



and with a population of 70,000, it was, in those days, the largest city in Arabia. According to Hogarth, the Pilgrimage used to bring about 100,000 visitors to the town. He also says that the majority of Pilgrims did not customarily visit Medina because of dangers on the way.

The detailed examination of the tribes, their affiliations and special characteristics makes absorbing reading. A political survey clarifies the organization and dispositions of the Turkish occupation forces and leads logically to the then current situation in the Hejaz. The separate members of the ruling Sharifian family are described in detail. The portrait of the Emir Faisal recalls much of what Lawrence wrote about him later in 'The Seven Pillars of Wisdom'.

"Faisal is tall, graceful, vigorous... 24 inch waist, broad shouldered. As clear skinned as a pure Circassian with dark hair, vivid black eyes set a little sloping in his face, strong nose, short chin." Many influential citizens are

sketched also, as, "Abd er Rahman (Seyyid) Ruais, one bor north of Jeddah. Important trader in arms. Anti-Turk."

In his next section, Hogarth describes the Pilgrimage and the routes of approach to the Haram. He outlines the ceremonies of the Haj and comments on its social and commercial effects.

This leads him naturally to a definition of the trade and industries of the Hejaz. In the light of what is happening today, less than 70 years later, it is interesting to read Hogarth's observation: "According to one estimate, the total yearly imports into Jeddah have been placed as high as £1,750,000." A note on currency and weights and measures completes the section on the economy.

Finally, Hogarth deals with communications along coastal and inland routes. The direct road from Mecca to Hail was much raided by the Beni Harb and we read Doughty's description of it, unchanged then since 1877.

The 35 papers presented by visiting scholars at the conference, covered a vast timespan, from the mists of prehistory right up until the end of the Ottoman Empire. In between, the five days paid witness to a succession of Jordanian societies and the events that shaped them: the Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age, then the Greeks, the Nabataeans, Romans and Byzantines of Jordan, and finally the advent of Islam.

Jordanian archeology

Everything a prince can do

By Anne Whitehouse
London Bureau

LONDON — A call for an Arab historical academy covering all aspects of the history and prehistory of the Middle East to be based in Jordan, was made by Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan this week.

Such an institution would eliminate the present duplication of research work and resources in the Arab countries, he said, but more important it would enhance objective scholarship of the entire area.

Crown Prince Hassan was speaking as host to the inaugural session of the First International Conference of the History and Archaeology of Jordan. Two-hundred-twenty-five archaeologists and historians from 25 countries had gathered for the five day conference in Oxford.

Appealing to his guests for broader cooperation between scholars researching in the Middle East, he said, "We must make these archaeological achievements human. We are good at describing in the Arab World, but poor at analysis. For this we need your help."

By his account, a day later the response from academics at the conference to the idea of a central Arab academy had been excellent.

Although other Arab governments have not yet given their approval to the scheme, "I see no reasons why other countries should disagree," he told *Arab News*. "It is time countries dovetailed their proposals."

Other aspects of Jordanian archeology outlined by the Crown Prince in his opening address included the shortage of finance for maintenance and restoration of such well-known sites as Jerash and Petra. "Unfortunately our intellectual resources are not matched by our financial resources. It is difficult to approach the World Bank or UNESCO for this support."

The problem of mapping in the area is also considerable, he said. Essofond for research work, maps to a scale of 1:50,000 are unlikely to be completed for another seven years.

There could be no doubt of his commitment to the cause of archeology. "As a layman I am prepared to do everything a prince can do in this area."

With him during the conference were Princess Alia and Princess Dina, Dr. Adnan Hadidi, Director of Antiquities in Jordan, Dr. Muwaffaq Fawaz Zou'bi, Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Mr. Ibrahim Katan, Chief Judge of Jordan and His Imperial Highness Takhi Mikasa the brother of the Emperor of Japan.

But controversy entered the proceedings at an early stage when a study of the changes in the geology and geography of Jordan raised doubts about Jordan's present day soil conservation policy.

Using evidence from sites throughout Jordan, Dr. Vita-Finzi of the University of London's Geography Department, argued that soil erosion was occurring naturally before man began to cultivate. It began long ago, 50,000 years ago, he said when spring flow increased, transforming soil distribution.

The present belief is that it is man who has caused the devastating erosion from which



Crown Prince Hassan speaking at the first international conference on the history and archeology of Jordan

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U.S. Steel suit worries EEC, Washington experts

WASHINGTON, March 31 (WP) — Europe could be dealt a serious economic blow, with hard-to-predict political consequences, as a result of U.S. Steel's decision to file dumping complaints against seven Common Market nations.

That was the almost unanimous judgement of U.S. government officials and private trade experts, assessing the potential impact of the steel corporation's decision and the parallel withdrawal — promised by the U.S. government — of the Steel "trigger-price mechanism," which was designed to help protect U.S. procedures from the impact of low-priced steel imports.

The dumping suits, which the Europeans had been trying to avert, will initially cause the affected companies to withdraw from the U.S. market at least temporarily, rather than risk the heavy penalties to which they would be subject if found to be dumping.

"There could be a very serious confrontation between us and the Europeans," said Alan Wolff, a Washington attorney who until recently deputy special trade representative for the Carter administration.

What worries government officials here is not European retaliation in a narrow trade

IMF plans cure for Turkey's woes

ANKARA, March 31 (R) — Western experts may propose a cure for Turkey's severe economic troubles including giving up wage bargaining for five years, according to local reports.

Finance ministry sources said a delegation from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will start talks here on April 10 on a possible new credit plan for this NATO nation whose economy is in danger of collapse.

The sources gave no details, but the Economic News Agency Ankara reported that the IMF team was expected to push for the devaluation of the Turkish lira and a five-year suspension of collective wage bargaining in Turkey.

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French F (100)	75.00	79.50	74.90
Italian Lira (10,000)	37.00	38.50	37.35
Lebanese Lira (100)	98.10	97.60	
Syria Lira (100)	79.50	87.00	
Egyptian Pound	4.48	4.41	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.15	12.09	
Jordanian Dinar	11.05	10.81	
Emirates Dirham (100)	90.00	89.40	
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.00	90.88	
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36.	Ville D'Anvers	H.T.A.	Tiles/Marble	28.3.80
40.	Axios	M.T.A.	Containers	30.3.80
2.	recent arrivals:	H.T.A.	To load MTY	30.3.80
	Villa D'Anvers	M.T.A.	Fruits	30.3.80
	Union Labon	O.C.E.	Containers	30.3.80
	Khalif Frost	M.E.S.A.	Durra	31.3.80
	Salandia	Barber	Containers	30.3.80

3. VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS:

Fortuna Star	Gulf	Steel Bars	31.3.80
Noto Maru	Alireza	Steel/Lifts/ Paints/Gen.	31.3.80
Lantau Trader	S.C.S.A.	Wheat/Bailey	31.3.80
Laura	Star	Apples/Chasse	31.3.80
Capella	Kanno	Containers	31.3.80
Toki Express	Alireza	Containers	31.3.80
Rauenfela	Alireza	Contra/Ro Units	31.3.80
Mistrail Universal	Star	Fruits	31.3.80
Hasnaa	Fayez	Potatoes	31.3.80
Fiva Rivars	S.A.M.A.	Durra	31.3.80
Zacheroula 'K'	Star	Durra	31.3.80

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CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS.

2.	Arch Angeles-G	UEP	Barley in Bags	29.3.80
10.	Gulf Karim	Orri	Rice in Bags	27.3.80
17.	Hallen's Carear	Gulf	Ganara	29.3.80
19.	Tug Dars/Barge-341	Kanoo	Loading Pipes	28.3.80
21.	Pacific Insurer (D.B.)	Alireza	Bulk Cement	29.3.80
25.	Fort Royal	SMC	Containers	30.3.80
26.	Lady of Lorna	OCE	Maize/Rice	26.3.80
32.	Hannah Lu	Gosabi	Cont/Gan/Steel/Pipes	28.3.80
33.	Strahlenfelds	Alireza	General	30.3.80
36.	Primavera (D.B.)	SMC	Bulk Cement	27.3.80
38.	aegia Practic	Saita	Cement in Bags	26.3.80

'Jarvis II' hits California after Prop. 13

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31 (LAT) — A new tax rebellion in California poses a greater threat to the state's finances than even the direct predictions made about Proposition 13, the tax revolt which attracted international attention in 1978.

The real fear is that at a time of economic difficulty in Europe, the loss of steel sales to the United States will bring political pressure on the seven affected governments from the steel companies and unions to respond in a broader way.

In turn, that is likely to sour official European-U.S. relationships, already strained by different views over Mideast policy and the U.S. response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

"We're not in good terms with them anyway," said trade consultant Harold Malmgren. "This may give them every excuse to cut their own deals in the Middle East."

Viscount Etienne Davignon, Common Market Commissioner for Industrial Affairs, had talked to high administration officials in Washington last week, seeking action that might head off U.S. Steel's threatened suit.

Reportedly, other U.S. companies also were not happy that U.S. Steel filed the suits, prejudicing the whole system of trigger prices.

A key question was the proper level of the trigger price, which by providing a minimum

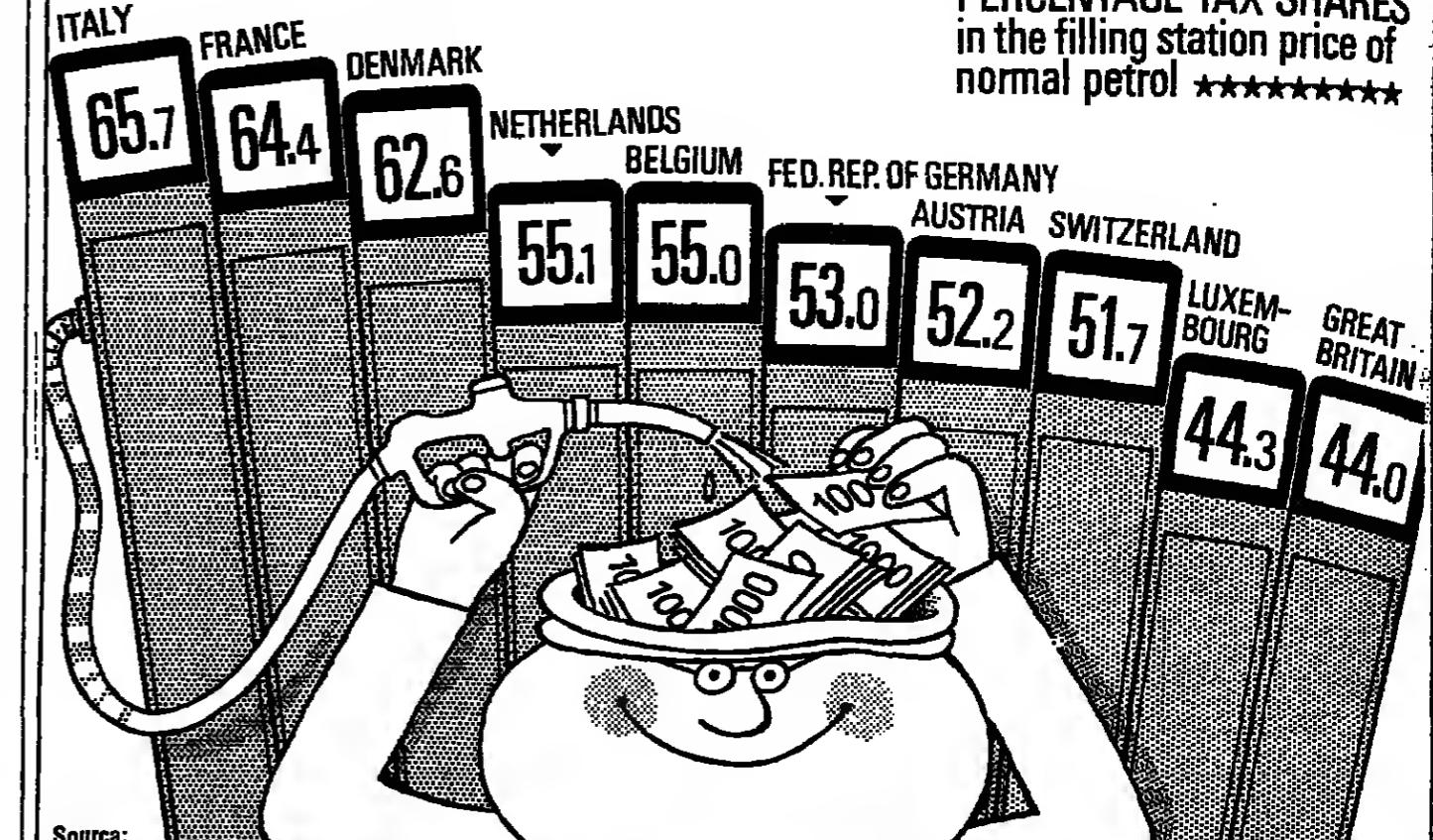
price basis for imports, was designed to give the U.S. industry some protection from imports as an alternative to major dumping suits.

The trigger mechanism had worked to squeeze back the foreign share of the U.S. Steel market from 18.4 per cent in 1978 to 14.9 per cent last year. Of total imports in 1979 Japan had 36.1 per cent, and the Common Market 31.2 per cent. The balance, 32.7 per cent was spread among Canadian, Korean, Spanish, South African and other shippers.

JAKARTA, March 31 (AP) — The American oil company Atlantic Richfield Indonesia Inc., has struck a new offshore oil and gas well southwest of the Java Sea, the state oil corporation Pertamina said Monday.

Atlantic Richfield is one of the oil contractors that have been working on a production-sharing basis with Pertamina.

BONN, March 31 (INP) — Complaints that oil prices are too high are directed mostly against two causes: the oil-exporting countries and the oil companies. However, the fact that a third group, the national governments, have been reaping huge profits as well, is often overlooked. Reducing their share of the profits as a result of the numerous price rises has never been done. As the chart shows, in six of the nine member states of the European Community, government tax



National profit taking Government oil taxes raise consumer cost

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ents more than half of the filling station price of normal gasoline. Luxembourg and Great Britain are the only two countries in which drivers pay less petrol tax than this. The situation is worse in the case of super gasoline. Here, tax shares range between 47. per cent and 71.2 per cent up to 10 per cent more than in the case of normal. What does the state do with the billions it makes in taxes? Here is one answer from the Federal Republic of

Germany: The allocation of the 21.5 billion marks in petroleum tax revenues taken by the state in 1979 is not pre-determined in every detail. Roughly about half of it goes into the budget of the Transport Ministry where it is used for improving "federal transport nets". In other words, it is used for new motorways, rural highways, new railways, safer shipping and air routes and the maintenance of already-existing transport routes.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

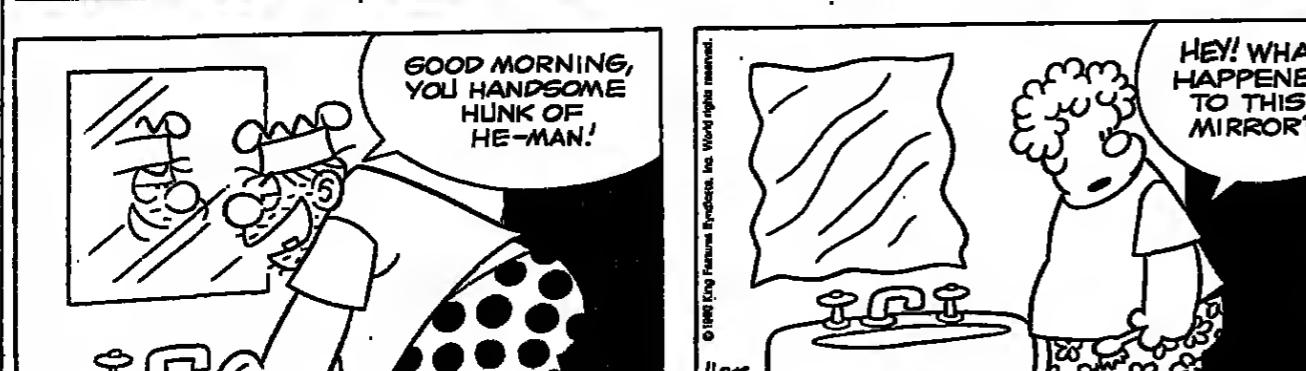
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Directorate of Education, Medina	Supply of sports equipment and uniforms	17		May 11
" "	Supply of equipment and raw materials for technical education	18		May 13
" "	Supply of equipment for training in scouting	19		May 17
Ministry of Communications	Construction of road stretches between Al-Ruqie and Al-Hamamat leading to some border points, as well as construction of earth barrier and trench at the customs fencing in Al-Ruqie	500		May 6
" "	Construction of a road between Al-Hareeq and Hota Banu Tasim (the amended portion 3.5 Kms.)	500	</	

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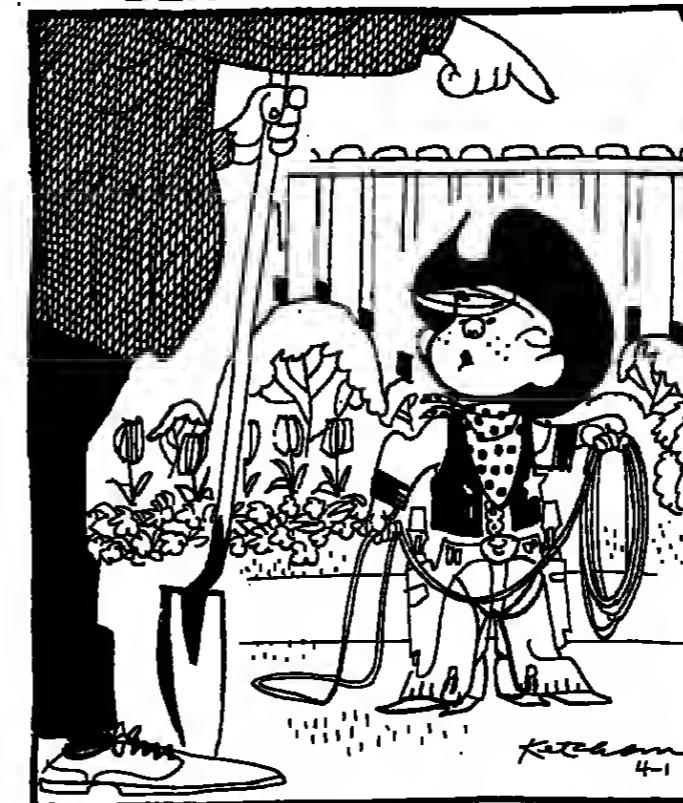
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"YOU'RE SPOSED TO GIVE ME 'TIL SUNDOWN TO GET OUT OF YOUR YARD MR. WILSON!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Starting point

5 Youngling

10 Solid punch

11 Requishment

12 Peruvian

14 Oregon city

15 Spanish

composer

16 - esprit

17 Altair

18 Opening for a

a shoelace

20 Gold; Sp.

21 Afternoon

receptions

22 Make a move

23 Indian state

25 Respond

26 Toboggan, e.g.

27 "Star —"

28 Three times;

Lat.

29 Influence

32 Clergyman's

title: abbr.

33 A.B.A.

member:

abbr.

24 Guavera

35 Fly

37 The Emerald

Isle

38 Scripture

reader

39 Nevada city

40 Shabby

 LATHE ARID
ORTHO AUTO
PEEPINGHAM
EAR OLE
TAPEL PST
GLORIA AUTO
NAKEDRUNNER
ACRE KNOTTY
TEA TEN
LADY LUMBER
OGGLE LIVEN
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Yesterday's Answer

16 Ship's bread 27 Argonauts

17 Guide 38 Work-

clothes

22 Helot 23 Fabric

25 Starry 24 Album

27 Carpenter

item

30 Inserts 31 Particle

36 - standstill

37 "Able was I

— I saw..."

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X E
W L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

 LYC YEM MAAV UYA LBVX
VABUYAP ICD VCP B: TDU LYAV
UYA UPAAM TCL XCLV UYABP
YAEXM, UYA LBVX BM SEMM-
BVW TI. — NY PBM UVE PCMMAUB
Yesterday's Cryptogram: A SLANDER IS LIKE A HORNET: IF YOU CANNOT KILL IT THE FIRST BLOW, BETTER NOT STRIKE AT IT. —H.W. SHAW
 

APRIL FOOL JOKES
IN CERTAIN PARTS OF ENGLAND
ARE LIMITED TO THE MORNING
— AND ANYONE WHO PLAYS A
JOKE AFTER 12 NOON
BECOMES THE FOOL

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ALL FOOL'S DAY
IN FRANCE
BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE
FISH IN THE STREAMS
APRIL 1ST AND YOUNG
FISH ARE MORE EASILY
HOOKED, IS CALLED
"FISH DAY"

Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

Bidding Quiz

Your partner deals and opens the bidding with Three No Trump. What would you respond with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ Q765 ♦ QJ9843 ♣ Q982 ♠ -
-
2. ♦ J ♠ Q7652 ♦ Q653 ♠ ♣ A84
-
3. ♠ Q94 ♠ K98 ♣ J98 ♠ Q872
-
4. ♠ K98 ♠ Q98 ♠ Q9762 ♠ ♣ K762

1. Six hearts. There's no way of bidding this hand scientifically: the best you can do is take a shot at what you think you can make. An opening three notrump bid normally indicates a balanced hand containing 25 to 27 high-card points. Consequently, you are highly likely to make a slam with hearts as trumps.

There could even be a grand slam if partner had exactly the right cards, but it would be downright foolish to take a hand at it. Your partner is not necessarily barred from bidding seven over six, but in practice he nearly always passes.

2. Pass. Here there's almost no chance for a slam and the only problem is whether to pass or bid four hearts. Four hearts, properly construed, indicates a desire to close the bidding then and there, and does not suggest interest in a slam.

A pass will probably work out best in the long run, since the combined high-card point count is likely to be from 30 to 31 points — and it's hard to conceive of partner going down at three notrump with that many points. In four hearts, you might run into a foul trump break and go down.

There is also the practical consideration that your partner may have all four aces, and 150 points for honors are not to be sneezed at.

3. Six notrump. This hand is unimpressive standing by itself, but opposite a three notrump opening it assumes slam proportions. The probable combined point count is in the 33-to-35 point zone, and a small slam is therefore very likely.

Hands of this sort illustrate the great value of point counting in assessing the number of tricks your side can make in notrump. You nearly always belong in a slam when you and partner together have 25 or more high-card points.

4. Four notrump. Your raise to four notrump has nothing to do with Blackwood. You are not in a position to judge how many tricks partner can make, and you try to resolve the question by alerting him to the possibility of a slam. Your partner is expected to pass with minimum values for his three notrump bid, but to continue the bidding if he has maximum values.

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PRAYER TIMES

Tuesday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:01	6:19	12:32	3:56	6:38	8:08
Medina	4:59	6:13	12:33	4:00	6:40	8:10
Nejd	3:30	5:49	12:02	3:29	6:09	7:39

DAHHRAN TV

1:30 Children's Show	Woody Woodpecker: Saddle-Vicious; Yogi's Space Race; Mizra Marathon
5:17 Young peoples Special	The Achievers
6:06 Sunfire and Son Safety Film	Road Hazard.
6:32 Horizon	City That Waits To Die
7:33 Flying High	Fear of Chessecake Blues for the Duke
8:20 The Duke	Blues for the Duke
9:10 Seasons of the Year	English family Robinson

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2:00 Opening	9:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran	9:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	9:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Saudi Tableau	9:10 Light Music
2:20 On Islam	9:15 The Evening Show
2:30 Radio Magazine	9:45 Reflections of a Muslim
3:00 NEWS	10:00 Islamic Contributions
3:10 Press Review	10:10 Music
3:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 World of Machines	10:25 S. A. — A Daily Chronicle
3:30 A Selection of Music	10:30 Bouquet
3:40 Closedown	11:00 The World of the Guitar
Dreams	11:15 Round and About
01:00 Closedown.	11:45 On Islam

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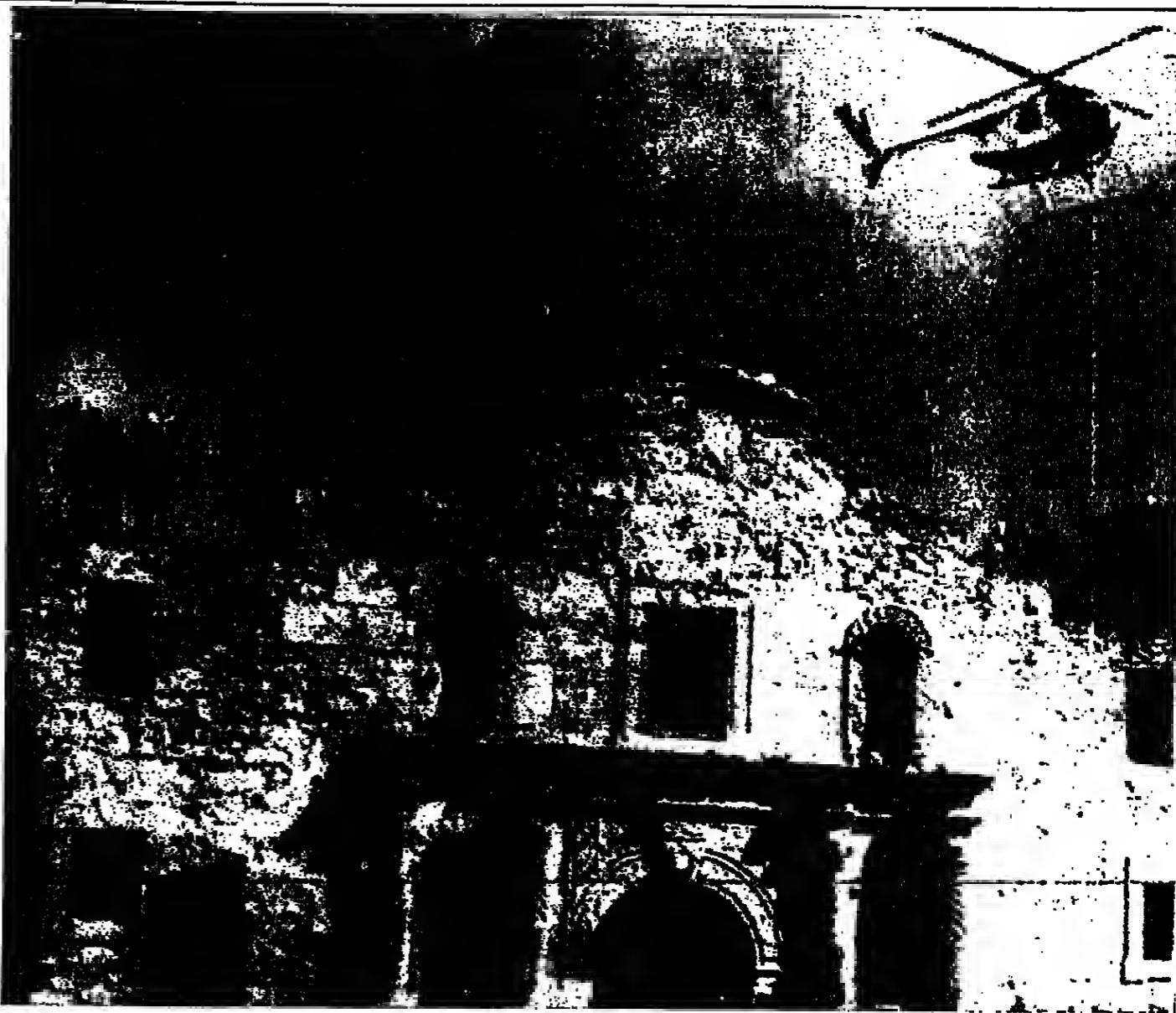
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8:30 Sarah-Ward	5:15 Report on Religion
8:45 World Today	6:00 Radio Newsreal
9:00 Newsdesk	6:15 Outlook
9:30 Open Star	7:00 World News
10:00 World News	7:09 Commentary
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	7:15 Sherlock Holmes
10:30 Sarah Ward	7:45 World Today
10:45 Something to Show You	8:00 World News
11:00 World News	9:09 News about Britain
11:15 Piano Style	9:15 Radio Newsreal
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	9:30 Farming World
12:00 World News	10:00 Outlook News: Summary
12:09 British Press Review	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:15 World Today	10:43 Look Ahead
12:30 Financial News	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:40 Look Ahead	11:00 World News
12:45 The Tony Myatt	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
13:15 Talkabout	12:15 Nature Notebook
13:30 Discovery	1:00 World News
2:00 World News	1:09 World Today
2:09 News about Britain	1:25 Financial News
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	1:35 Book Choice
2:30 Sports International	1:40 Reflections
2:40 Radio Newsreal	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:15 Promenade Concert	2:00 World News
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:09 Commentary
	2:15 The Face of England

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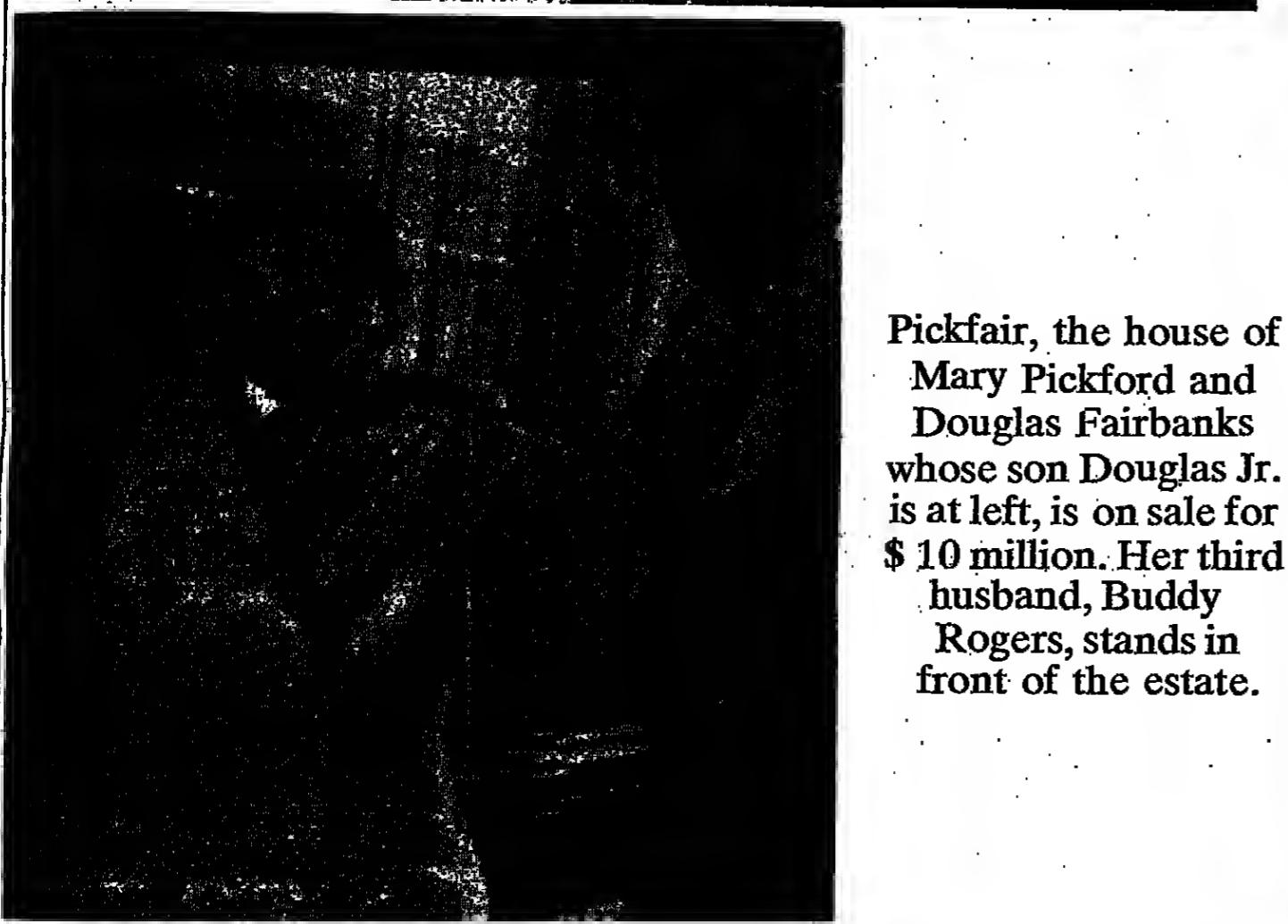
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Three Chicano activists, left, stand atop the Alamo recently while San Antonio police watch from a helicopter. They occupied the roof for about 40 minutes.



Pickfair, the house of Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks whose son Douglas Jr. is at left, is on sale for \$10 million. Her third husband, Buddy Rogers, stands in front of the estate.



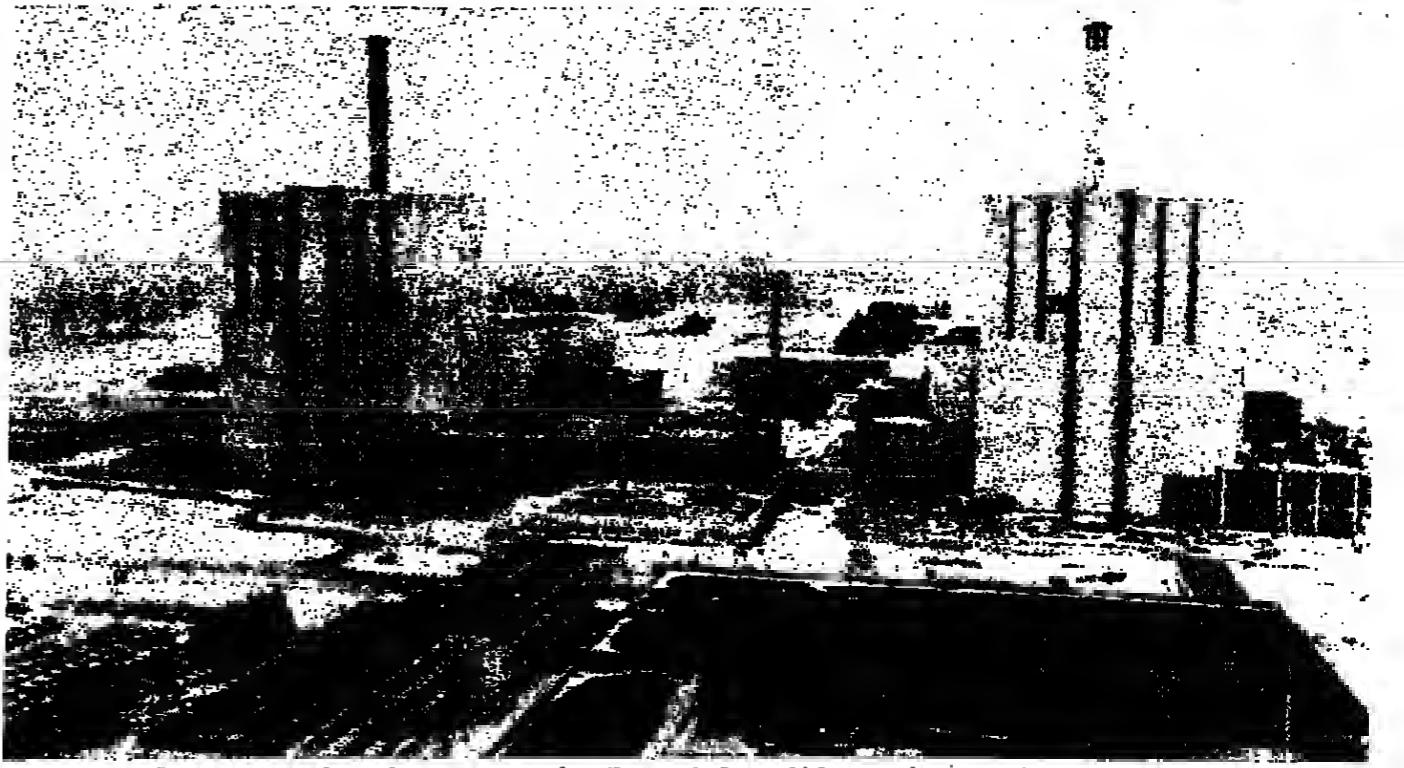
George Holme, flying along the California coast, built the plane from plastic kit. It flies at 127 miles an hour on 18 horsepower and gets 85 miles to the gallon.



Prince Charles at an exhibition at the Imperial War Museum entitled "War".



Benga, a young chimpanzee in Basile zoo raised by his keeper after his mother died, is introduced to his relatives.



Sweden's seventh nuclear power station, Forsmark One, which comes into operation Tuesday.



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Iran set to take custody of U.S. embassy hostages

TEHRAN, March 31 (AP) — Iran's ruling Revolutionary Council was reported Monday to have decided to get the American hostages transferred to government custody and presumably use force if the militants balk. The reported development followed U.S. President Jimmy Carter's message to Iran's president.

The council decision was reported by the American Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) news correspondent in Tehran, who quoted informed sources as saying it was reached Sunday night by a vote of 7-6, with hardliners opposing those who favored any conciliatory gesture toward the United States.

Tehran officials denied any such decision was reached.

A foreign ministry spokesman contacted by another Western journalist in Tehran said, however, the subject of a hostage transfer was taken up by the council and that President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr would discuss the matter Monday night with Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's revolutionary leader who would have the final word.

The report of the council's decision on the

hostages came after a White House spokesman admitted Carter sent messages last week to Bani-Sadr but denied a report from Tehran that the White House admitted making mistakes in its policies toward Iran.

Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell was forced to make the admission after the Swiss government confirmed that its ambassador in Tehran had delivered two messages from Carter to Bani-Sadr, last week and on Sunday. But Powell insisted that his denial of the Iranian announcement the first message was accurate because of the way he phrased him "an ultimatum."

Radio Tehran announced Saturday that Carter sent a message to Khomeini saying the Carter administration "inherited a very sensitive international situation which is the result of other policies and circumstances and made all of us commit mistakes in the past."

Powell on Sunday repeated the denial he made the day before, that "no message such as the one reported from Tehran had been sent by the president or any other American official to any Iranian official."

"That statement is in fact accurate," Powell added.



The Shah of Iran receiving treatment for cancer of a lymph node in his neck for the past six years.

The spleen is part of the lymphatic system, and filters out red and white blood cells. But because it was cancerous, Nur said, it was destroying the cells instead.

Nur confirmed one essential part of the bulletin which said the bone marrow was "functioning normally." This meant that the Shah's blood was being regenerated normally, Nur said.

He gave no information on the contents of either of Carter's messages. But the *New York Times* reported that one U.S. official in Washington said the messages were toughly worded warnings of retaliatory measures planned by the United States unless the hostages were freed. The *Times* also reported from Tehran that Bani-Sadr said Carter sent him "an ultimatum."

Radio Tehran said earlier that in addition to the admission of past mistakes, the president's first message said if the militants holding the 50 Americans hostage in the U.S. embassy in Tehran handed them over to the Iranian government, the U.S. government would give favorable consideration to formation of a joint Iranian-American commission to investigate problems between the two governments.

Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh reported the receipt of Carter's second message to Bani-Sadr on Sunday, saying this "indicates the continuation of such a dialogue in messages." He did not disclose the contents but said if Carter acknowledged the messages, it would help in "reducing tension and resolving differences between Iran and the United States."

Bani-Sadr in a statement suggested that the White House denial Saturday was issued because of the U.S. political situation.

Danish sources in Copenhagen revealed that Washington's major European allies — the nine governments of the European Common Market — also sent letters over the weekend to Bani-Sadr urging the release of the hostages.

Monday was the American captives' 149th day of confinement at the U.S. embassy in Tehran and the Iranian Foreign Ministry. Khomeini at a televised meeting with the Papal Nuncio in Tehran told the Vatican's ambassador that if Pope John Paul II "wants to be reassured about the condition of the hostages, he may send an envoy to come and see." The Nuncio had told the ayatollah the Pope hoped the hostages were being treated well.

Khomeini also made clear that he still demands the return of the former Shah and his fortune to Iran in exchange for the hostages.

"If the Pope is asking for the release of the hostages without the handing over of the Shah, then he should declare to the world that the Shah was innocent, after which we will release them," Khomeini said. "But I don't think the Pope would do such a thing because he is a man of religion who knows justice and humanity."



Premier-Designate Cossiga

Cossiga moves to end Italy's political crisis

ROME, March 31 (AP) — Moving to end Italy's 12-day-old government crisis, Premier-Designate Francesco Cossiga met Monday with representatives of the Christian Democrat, Socialist and Republican parties to draw up a program for their proposed coalition cabinet.

It was the first of three scheduled joint meetings on a program for the government, expected to be officially formed by the end of the week.

The government, Italy's 39th since the end of World War II, would be the first center-left coalition in 25 years. A coalition of the three parties would enjoy a majority in the 630-seat Chamber of Deputies where the Christian Democrats have 262 seats, the Socialists 62 and the Republicans 16.

Political sources said the three parties were also dividing up cabinet seats. The long-dominant Christian Democrats would reportedly get 12, the Socialists nine and the Republicans three.

Cossiga's ruling minority government of Christian Democrats and two small parties — the Liberals and the Social Democrats — collapsed March 19 when Socialists withdrew their indirect support in Parliament.

Tito's lung ailment fades; fever persists

BELGRADE, March 31 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito's doctors said Monday that his pneumonia is abating, but a persistently high temperature forces his overall condition to remain very grave.

The eight-doctor panel treating the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader issued one of their most detailed bulletins yet, describing Tito's health as "relatively stable."

The bulletin said, however, that there appeared to be no hope for restoring the president's diseased kidneys to normal.

"The general state of health of the President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito is very grave," the doctors said. "Pneumonia further recedes, but the temperature is consistently high."

The ailing leader has entered his 80th day at the Ljubljana Clinical Center in Slovenia, where his leg was amputated to a circulatory blockage.

The president has been suffering from pneumonia since at least Feb. 23. His treatment by dialysis for kidney failure had been revealed one day earlier.

"There are no signs of resumption of the kidney function," the doctors said in their five-sentence advisory. "The application of hemodialysis and other measures of intensive treatment are continuing."

The doctors have mentioned twice previously in their mid-day bulletins during the past month that Tito's kidney functions had not been restored, an apparent admission that he has become totally dependent upon the machine for its blood-cleansing functions.

The medical council has never detailed what their "intensive measures" of treatment were, although they once reported enlisting a new antibiotic to battle Tito's pneumonia.

An experimental drug produced by the U.S. firm of Eli Lilly and Co. was flown to Tito's bedside more than a week ago, but medical bulletins have never specifically mentioned the team using the drug, nor said what caused the abatement in Tito's pneumonia.

Besides the artificial kidney, Western medical sources have speculated that a respirator and devices to aid the pumping of Tito's heart are more than likely being used.

Western medical sources have said that the extensive measures being applied to aid the president could help keep him alive for weeks, but that he has virtually no chance of surviving his combination of afflictions.

Rhodesian bush troops disgruntled

SALISBURY, March 31 (Guardian) — A program to stand down large numbers of troops at the end of the seven year long Rhodesian bush war has run into problems which could have grave consequences for the unity and security of Robert Mugabe's incoming nationalist government.

Recently the overall military commander, Lt. Gen. Peter Walls, received a tumultuous reception when he visited the elite and ill-famed Selous Scouts unit at their barracks 25 miles north of Salisbury. The general had initially planned to take Mugabe to the scouts base at Inkomo Barracks in an attempt to forge some reapproachment between the prime minister elect and the unit. Mugabe decided not to go and Walls was left to face an angry reception from the 2,000 strong multi-racial unit. The scouts officers demanded to know why the unit was to be disbanded and their new commander, Lt. Col. Pat Armstrong was not sympathetic to the general's plea of a calm appraisal of a changed situation.

During the rowdy exchanges charges of treachery were levelled at Walls who has retained his title of commander combined operations under Mugabe.

Following the meeting unconfirmed reports have circulated that the Tracker and Dirty Tricks Unit, which operated independently of the army command during the war, might move itself to South Africa before the April independence date, the South African military command is known to be impressed by the scouts' knowledge of the Rhodesian bush and skill in counterinsurgency.

Similar rumblings of discontent have been heard within the Rhodesia Light Infantry (RLI), a commando unit which formed the backbone of helicopter borne fire force operations during the war. Several of the more aggressive and defiant officer in the RLI have quietly been told to take leave during the independence period. However since the RLI is the longest serving regular unit in the army the problem of discipline among its members is not regarded as serious when compared to the recently formed Selous Scouts.

Reliable reports here indicate that problems have also arisen in the repatriation of an estimated 8,000 well-trained Zambian based guerrillas of Joshua Nkomo's ZIPRA army. Nkomo's intelligence and military chief, Dumiso Dabengwa, flew to Lusaka from Salisbury recently to sort out the return of such forces. However it is understood that many of the Russian advisers attached to ZIPRA in Zambia have been persuading the guerrillas not to return home unless they are accepted in the new Zimbabwean army in their currently configured units.

Mugabe and his military advisers understandably object to any wholesale absorption of ZIPRA units and insist on integration with the emphasis on members of their own army ZANLA. The level of training within the exiled ZIPRA forces is high due to military assistance from Russia and East Germany and has produced a number of Zimbabwean Mig 19 pilots and tank crews trained to operate T55 models.

In light of the tenseness that has arisen between Nkomo's party and that of the incoming government it is not surprising that Mugabe is unenthusiastic about the inclusion of ZIPRA tank crews and fighter pilots in the remodeled army.

The difficulty facing Dumiso Dabengwa is that of persuading the 8,000 force (estimates of the size vary from 6,000 to 12,000) to return to a civilian life in Zimbabwe when they have been trained for nothing but a military future. The harsh fact of life in the new republic will be a job shortage allied to an economic crisis and it will be difficult to find employment and housing for the ex-guerrillas.

Mugabe's military commanders face roughly the same problem with the 20,000 ZANLA who have now assembled in twelve Rhodesian and British controlled camps throughout the country. Apart from creating a massive standing army which would saddle a near bankrupt nation with a huge economic burden the only alternative is to train the insurgents for civilian life.

The trouble is that only a fraction of ZANLA wish to follow a civilian career and the majority are determined not only to remain in uniform but also to gain some material benefit from a war which they feel they have won. Thus Mugabe will face an immediate crisis of expectation within his army after independence which will accurately reflect the high, if misplaced hopes of his followers among the rural peasantry.

Meanwhile, Mugabe has expressed his gratitude to the British government for "the immediate and generous" contribution of £7 million towards reconstruction and for the pledge RPT's pledge of substantial aid over the next two or three years.

In a statement the incoming prime minister said "My government is fully conscious of the enormous economic problems we face in the immediate and long term future. You may be assured we shall apply ourselves diligently to the urgent need to stabilize this country and to work towards its development and reconstruction."

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazra

One of my pet themes is the trouble most Arab countries take to make it hard for the visitor to enter. (Some of them are not too keen on their own citizenry coming back, or so it appears from the way they treat them at points of entry.) A friend who recently drove his (newly bought) car from Germany to Beirut told me the story of his journey.

The first leg of the journey was from Germany to Switzerland. The problem of entry did not arise, he said. In fact it did not arise to such an extent that he said he did not know he was actually in Switzerland until he was well into it. But realizing that he had to have all his papers completed he drove back to try to locate the border post. After a diligent search he found it. There was a policeman there, who was annoyed by my friend's年代, that he should stamp his passport and ante officially that the car has just passed into Switzerland.

On his way out of Switzerland he had, he said, to submit to a customs search. But what a search. The customs official started by putting white gloves on so that he does the traveler's effects no damage. Then, and after a very quick look, he closed the bags and wished him a happy journey. And indeed the journey was a happy one, punctuated by very cursory dealing with each border post on the way. Until, that is, he reached his happy homeland: Syria first, and then to Lebanon.

At the Syrian post he was asked to leave the car, so that it could be looked over carefully. They were in fact going to take it to pieces to see what they could find. You never know. But he knew what this meant. It is always easier to take a car to pieces than put it back together again. So he begged them to trust him just this once. That he will never pass this way again. He pleaded that the car was new. He showed them picture of wife and children — "The innocent babies — as he called them — all awaiting their daddy with his new shiny car.

They relented. But not before he had to answer such questions of intense concern to the state apparently, as what was his maternal grandmother's maiden name, and occupation and where did he come by such money so as to be able to afford a car like this, and what, approximately, does a kilogram of tomatoes cost in Germany, and did he have a nice time there. They finally let him go, pale and shaken.

Onto his very own land, Lebanon. They looked at him carefully and shook their collective heads. The passport control winked at the customs man. All yours. Nothing to do with me. I already know his grandmother's maiden name. I can't reasonably, deny him entry. It wouldn't look nice, a Lebanese going into Lebanon after all. But, so the wink said (elegantly), observe his pride and joy, his darling little new car. The poor fool.

So the customs man approached. And wordlessly, opened the door and sat by the hapless traveler. He took a deep breath, then said these two words slowly, quietly, "Beirut Port."

What, the man asked. You want a lift? Oh no, friend, said the man. I am escorting you thither. (He was over educated for his job and consequently spoke with a constant undertow of bitter irony.) Thither, said the traveller. Oh yes. You cannot enter a new car through land. It has to come through the port. But I came through, said the traveller. I made it. Yes, but not through the port.

And thither he took him. And divested him of his car. For months and months. Until he paid every penny in taxes on the vehicle.

Medalist Owens dead in Tucson; undercut Hitler

TUCSON, Arizona, March 31 (AP) — Jesse Owens, the black 1936 Olympic track star whose four gold medal victories embarrassed Adolf Hitler's theories of Aryan superiority, died Monday at Tucson Hospital, authorities said.

Owens, who had been suffering from a lung infection and inoperable lung cancer, died at 3:40 Mountain Standard Time at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, said hospital spokesman Hal Marshall. He was 66.

His wife Ruth was at his side, another spokesman, Pat Beachik, said.

Owens first was hospitalized Dec. 12 in Chicago with an illness was diagnosed as adenocarcinoma, a cancer, doctors said, usually associated with heavy cigarette smoking. Doctors said Owens had smoked about a pack of cigarettes a day for 35 years. In January, Owens began undergoing treatment in Tucson. Early in March he returned to the Phoenix area where he has operated a public relations firm, but a week ago he was transferred to Tucson for further treatment.

Owens was 22 when his record-setting performance in Berlin shattered German leader Adolf Hitler's hopes for Aryan supremacy at the games.

Top \$500 mark

Gold prices jump in busy European trading

LONDON, March 31 (AP) — Gold prices pushed higher in busy European trading Monday morning, climbing back over the \$500-an-ounce mark after last week's dip. Silver prices held steady following a panicky sell-off last week.

The U.S. dollar rose after an uncertain opening. "As long as the interest rates in the United States keep increasing, you won't have a cheap dollar. It's impossible," one European banker said.

Gold, which lost \$48 in London last week, was "fixed" by the city's big five dealers Monday morning at \$503.25 a troy ounce, up from \$480.50 at the close last Friday.

In Zurich, the metal sold for \$502.50, up

from Friday's late \$436.50. The London afternoon fixing of \$494.50 per ounce was down from \$503.25 at the morning fixing, and up from \$490 at Friday afternoon's fixing.

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